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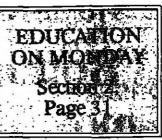
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# Major says EC is restored as Danish opposition fades

John Major will step up moves for ratification of the Maastricht treaty in the wake of his hard-won success at the Edinburgh summit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN leaders' hopes that all twelve EC states will ratify the Maastricht treaty by next summer rose sharply last night after a summit hailed by John Major as "putting the Community back together".

All three Danish opposition parties backed the deal agreed at Edinburgh — increasing the likelihood that it will survive a second referendum - and British ministers voiced renewed confidence of getting the European union bill through the Commons.

Douglas Hurd said: "I think it is clear now we will get it." But he also made plain that if the Danes rejected Maastricht again, Britain would not negotiate a new treaty with the other ten members. Downing Street reinforced that view, saying the government was determined that the EC should press ahead as twelve: "That is what we worked so hard to achieve

Mr Major's handling of the conference, which he said had out the Communit together and put us all back on the track to recovery", was widely praised by his fellow leaders — some of whom had condemned the British presidency as a disaster. Albert Reynolds of Ireland said: "It was an excellent deal and an excellent result for the presidency." Mr Major himself described the deal as a real breakthrough after two days of "hard pounding" and promised that Britain would ratify the Maastricht treaty as speedily as possible after a Danish referendum in the late spring. The decisions we have taken

go forward as twelve. We have solved the Rubik's Cube that was laid before us." The prime minister is expected to receive a warm reception from Conservative MPs when he reports on the summit to the Commons today, but Euro-sceptics insist that they were not giving up the battle against the Maastricht treaty. Some gave notice last night that they intended to press for the Danish opt-outs

will enable the Community to

on defence and citizenship to be applied to Britain. Labour welcomed the agreement aimed at helping Dan-ish ratification, but John Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, criticised proposals for growth as "woefully

inadequate". The deal will now increase the pressure on Labour leaders to come off the fence and state clearly that they will not oppose the third reading of the Maastricht bill in the Commons. But Mr Cunningham would say only: "We will be continuing with our own timetable and our own objectives for the debate

on the Maastricht Bill." While Mr Major and Mr Hurd were confident last night of pushing the bill through, they also emphasised that it was dependant on Danish ratification. The foreign secretary said that if the Danes voted "no", Britain had no intention of leaving them alone. "We have always said that Denmark cannot be excluded. It is not a political reality to suppose that we would sit down and negotiate a new treaty of 11 members without Denmark."

Mr Hurd's remarks came as President Mitterrand confirmed that the question had been discussed at Edinburgh. The French Major had told the summit that if the Danes rejected the treaty for a second time, he

The summit finally closed late on Saturday night after a protracted wrangle over the Community budget with Felipe González of Spain, who at one stage almost walked out. It was settled with a sevenyear deal to increase the budget to some £62 billion by 1999, with more money for the £12 billion cohesion fund for the poorer states.

Other key elements of the summit accord were an agreement to start negotiations on EC membership with Austria, Sweden and Finland and recognition that they would become full members. a "subsidiarity" deal to prevent the erosion of national powers, the opening of EC procedures, and an economic package that Norman Lamont said would aid growth throughout the Community. For the first time in recent months, the Chancellor sounded a cautiously optimistic note about the economy, saying: "I think the prospects look more hopeful."

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By JEREMY LAURANCE

THE enigma of the Mona Lisa's smile, a subject of dispute for centuries, may have a simple explanation. The face of the unknown sitter, famous for its strangely sinister quality, may be a mirror image of Leonardo himself, according to a psychi-

atrist in London. The sinister aspect to the smile, described by Sigmund Freud as expressing the contrast between "the most devoted tenderness and a sensuality that is ruthlessly demanding," arises because of the way we "read" faces with the two halves of our brain, says Dr Digby Quested, a registrar at London's Maudaley hospital.

The Mona Lisa smiles more with the left side of her face, which is normally true of forced smiles and is more common in men. Reversing the portrait gives the face a warmer, more appealing as-

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The face looks as though it is the wrong way round." Dr
Quested said yesterday. "The

# Psychiatrist reverses famous face to reveal artist's secret

mirror image."

Leonardo was known to be left handed and produced mirror writing, so could have created the inversion unintentionally. But Dr Quested sug-gests in the Bulletin of the Royal College of Psychiatrists that the painting is more likely to be a self-portrait.

"There was evidence that he

was homosexual and he may have felt trapped in his sexu-ality," he said. "It may be that people saw him as one thing but he felt he was another and didn't feel free to express it. Painting himself as a female

would have helped him." The theory that the Mona enjoyed brief attention in the mid-1980s, when a computeraided juntaposition of her face with an acknowledged self-portrait of Da Vinci showed that the facial fea-

key to its mystery is that it is a mirror image." tures aligned exactly. Dr Quested cites other evidence to support the theory, however. Mystery surrounds the identity of the sitter and the commissioner of her portrait. tainly infatuated" with the picture, keeping it with him



until his death in Paris, Leonardo's tutor, Andrea del Verrocchio, cast a statue of David for which the young Leonardo was thought to be the model, whose half-smile bears a striking resemblance to Mona Lisa's. X-rays of the painting have revealed a bearded face.

"I believe Da Vinci worked it out," Dr Quested said. "He may have shown the finished face to others who commentsmile and he tried to work out why this was so. Being left handed and producing mirror writing he must have been interested in the idea that the two halves of a face can convey different messages."
"The painting is a self portrait in inversion, both with regard to laterality and

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## 1,200 die in Indonesia earthquake

BY OUR POREIGN STAFF

AT least 1,232 people were killed by a huge earthquake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, which struck eastern Indonesia at the weekend, devastating parts of the island

governor of East Nusa Tenggara province, which includes Flores, said yesterday that the town of Maumere, 19 miles from the earthquake's epicentre in the sea, had suffered about 1,000 dead when tidal waves smashed into its seafront and port. The survivors needed medical aid, and tents to protect them from the rains. he said. Two ships with emergency supplies have been sent from the neighbouring island of Timor. Flores is a tourist attraction, but it is not yet known if any foreigners were

## Serbian tells of lessons in death and rape

A young Serb fighter's grim confession is likely to form the basis of the first war crimes trial in former Yugoslavia. Richard Beeston writes from Sarajevo

BORISLAV Herak delivered his gruesome confession of murder, rape and butchery in a clipped and awkward monotone which is as painful to watch as his story is to hear.

He learned hand-to-hand combat using live pigs, taught how to throw them, hold them down and slit their throats Later he was told to practise on Bosnian prisoners of war.

"I did it because I had no choice, I had to obey orders," said the captured Serb fighter, whose deeds and his mitiga-tion of them are chillingly reminiscent of the last time war crimes were committed in central Europe, half a century ago. The account of his sixmonths' service with Serbian forces north of Sarajevo is expected next month to be the basis for the first war crimes trial of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, when he will be charged with genocide, mass murder, rape and looting under Article 41 of the Yugoslav criminal code. His eyewitness testimony,

the first by a participant in the cleansing", should also offer a unique insight into how Serb forces killed tens of thousands of Muslim and Croat Bosnians and drove hundreds of thousands more from their homes in the past eight months of fighting.

The most disturbing epi-

sodes of Mr Herak's activities began in June, soon after he left his home in Sarajevo and joined the Biochanska unit of Continued on page 2, col 4

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# Warm greetings in an Arctic chill

By Alan Hamilton

NASARU Nashimoto de- Princess on the day of her clared himself very happy to be in Scotland. Dressed in deerstalker hat, Sherlock Holmes cape and plus-fours purchased the day before in Edinburgh, the chief presenter of Japanese breakfast tele-vision was doing an excited piece to camera by the road-side at Crathie. It was the equivalent of David Frost reporting a royal wedding from Tokyo dressed as a Samurai WAITIOI.

The Princess Royal, who was about to become a sailor's wife, might well have been very happy to be in Japan. There, the media tend to be obedient to the wishes of the Imperial Household; at this very moment they are operat-ing a voluntary news blackout on their Crown Prince's search

for a bride. Only the determinedly curious, the fiercely loyalist and those who were being paid to be there braved the Arctic chill of a north-west wind to catch the briefest glimpse of the

marriage to Commander Timothy Laurence on Saturday. Huddled in anoraks, swathed in hairy travelling rugs, kept alive by an enter-prising mobile tea-bar, a crowd of barely 300 lined the 200-yard route from the gates of Balmoral to Crathie Kirk. Mrs Margaret Kittle, a selfconfessed hopless royal addict. had flown all the way from



Breakfast news: cosy

Winona, Ontario, for the event, having been an onlooker at the Princess's first wedding in 1973. Public were well outnumbered by a 500-strong media

contingent, frustrated at being kept on the opposite side of the road from the church, itself largely hidden among trees. There was an air of having been short-changed. If she wanted a private wedding as she claimed, why did she not have it in the chapei inside Balmoral? And if she was going to have it in a public church, why couldn't we all have a decent view? Three thousand feet above, on the wintery summit of Lochnagar.

it began to snow.

Shortly before three, at which time in these northern latitudes December daylight is already threatening to fade, the guests began to arrive; estate staff in Metros and Ladas, and some kilted gentlemen in a bus. Commander Laurence's family mared out of the castle in two white Photograph, page 3

Rovers, clearly practising for the lifetime of media-dodging to come. A large and amiable contingent of the Grampian Police strolled about ready to keep order, but it was far too cold for riots.

Then a flurry of excitement as a dark blue Land Rover Discovery bore the groom, in full naval uniform, and his brother Jonathan from castle to kirk at high speed. Soon afterwards came a motorcade of Range Rovers bearing the Queen in green, the Queen Mother in blue, the Prince of Wales in a kilt, Princess Margaret in a Cossack hat, the Duke of York and Prince Edward in long black coats more suited to a funeral, and the bride's son Peter Phillips. With the exception of the Princess of Wales they had all decided to turn up after all. The Queen smiled a bit.

drawing only a thinnish cheer.
At the church door the

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Hendrikus Fernandez, the among the victims.

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Point of view: mirror-

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montage combining a

right-way-round Mona Lisa and Da Vinci's

self-portrait, right,

showing similarities in

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# **Bottomley eager to** move quickly to close top London hospitals

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

health secretary, is expected to back a programme of hospital closures in line with those recommended in the Tomlinson report when she announces her plans to shake-up London health services next

The health department is determined to press ahead quickly with proposals to close many of London's top hospitals next year despite growing opposition from the medical

Mrs Bonomley has secured enough money to implement some of the plans next year. and is adamant that the closures go ahead before the idea loses momentum. Sources close to the health secretary say that she has won tens of millions of pounds to

#### 'IRA shot Shergar soon after kidnap'

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SHERGAR, the racehorse kidnapped by the IRA nearly ten years ago, was killed within hours of being seized, according to a report yesterday.

A former IRA police informer serving a life sentence in Northern Ireland for two murders told The Sunday Times that Shergar was shot because he could not be

Sean O'Callaghan, a senior figure in the IRA's southern command in 1983 when the kidnapping took place, said the nine-strong gang had recruited an experienced racehorse handler but they were unable to control the

The five-year-old horse went into a frenzy and was killed within hours of being seized from a stud in co. Kildare, west of Dublin. The horse was buried 100 miles away in an area of thick woodland.

No ransom money was paid for the Derby winner. who was owned by the Aga. Khan and was worth an estimated £10 million. The IRA had hoped to raise £2 million to help buy weapons, including surface-toair missiles for use against helicopters in Ulster.

start building up primary health services and fund redundancy payments as part of

She is unmoved by the vociferous opposition to the closure of St Bartholomew's hospital, which was marked by a lobby at Downing Street on Thursday. She points to the deficit at the hospital this year and this week's announcement of an extra £50 million to bail out London health

Mrs Bottomley believes that the plans set out by Sir Bernard Tomlinson in October, which include the closure or merger of up to 15 hospitals in the capital, could be phased

over five years or less.
In his report published last October, Sir Bernard Tomlinson recommended the closure of Charing Cross, University College/Middle-sex, and St Bartholomew's hospitals, and the merger of Guy's arid St Thomas's, in addition to the closure of ten

The hospital closures will run in parallel to the expansion of London's primary health care services, rather than waiting until these are in place, because of the large costs involved. Sir Bernard predicted that the changes to primary health care alone will cost more than £150 million, but warned that these should be put in place before hospitals

Health ministers have been



Bottomley: unmoved

surprised by the subdued opposition to the closures so far, apart from campaigners from St Bartholomew's hospital. They want the hospital

The future of this hospital is widely regarded as the litmus test of the government's re-

One ministerial source venyesterday that Mrs Bottomley might have to save the hospital as the price of implementing the rest of the plans. Her style is that she takes ten steps forward and then retreats a couple, which means she still makes a lot of

The argument for Tomlinson's recommendations is that for years the great London teaching hospitals have been taking up a disproportionate share of funds.

Meanwhile the row over alleged plans to give ministers an advance copy of a report by the Commons health select committee on NHS trusts is set to continue at Westminster.

Hugh Bayley. Labour MP for York, and a member of the committee, will propose at a meeting today that the report should go to health officials only on December 16, a day after embargoed copies are released to lobby corres-

Marion Roe, Tory chair-man of the committee, has denied allegations that she was colluding with the health department to provide advanced copies. She cited standing order 116 which allows select committees to supply government departments with reports 48 hours in

Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax and a member of the committee, is now writing to Doug Hoyle, chairman of the parliamentary Labour party and the chairmen of all the select committees, arguing that Labour MPs were unaware of this rule

Mr Bayley has also tabled a Mrs Bottomley asking her to supply the committee with advance copies of any govern-



Denim delight the Fashion Acts Charity Designer Show at Earls Could of Friday saw fashion editors practising what they preach. Iain R. Wello of The Times described his Denim Dangereuse (above) as "a deconstructed vision of rococo extravagance with a trailing ripped fringed train".

# Pupils miss holidays to revise | Loyalists blow hole

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

NO SOONER have the schools' Christmas holidays begun than some pupils are heading straight back into the classroom to revise for next vear's GCSE and A-level examinations.

Collingham tutorial college in Kensington, west London,

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is running its first Christmas workshops today. Parents will be paying up to £75 a day for each of more than 30 pupils

nations means that candidates are halfway through their school year by Christmas.

for intensive revision. The timing of public exami-

> will have had a few days off before they come to us, and will still have plenty of time to enjoy Christmas."
>
> The leaders of local education authorities will today try to convince Eric Forth, the education minister, that the government has over-estimated the number of surplus places in state schools. Councillors claim that if is impossi-

> > school places.

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ble to meet ministers' demands to cut 1.5 million

Growing numbers of schools

at the start of the spring term.

now hold mock examinations

Gerald Hattee, one of the

college's two principals, insists

that the workshops will not destroy the holiday spirit. "Perhaps it is tough at the end

of a long, hard term, but A-levels and GCSEs are getting

ever closer and there is a need

to plan ahead. Most pupils

# in roof of Ulster jail

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A LARGE hole was blown in the roof of a wing of the topsecurity Crumlin Road jail in Belfast vesterday by an explo-sive device believed to have been fired from a hijacked

There were no injuries to inmates or prison officers. The attack, which may have involved a rocket or mortar. came just after 6pm. Responsibility was claimed by the Loyalist Military Command, a protestant paramilitary um-

Republican inmates, who usually eat in the A-wing dining room at 6pm, are believed to have been the target. This time last year IRA prisoners planted a small bomb in the dining room of C wing which killed a Loyalist inmate and injured eight othjail, which was visited last week by the Ulster secretary. Sir Patrick Mayhew, were immediately ordered back to their cells.

A former IRA member and

Sinn Fein local election candi-date. Malachy Carey, 36, of Loughguile, co. Antrim, died in hospital yesterday after being shot by a loyalist gun-man on Saturday as he walked to meet his girl friend.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, another name for the Ulster Defence Association, which was outlawed in August, said in a statement to the BBC in Belfast that it carried

out the killing. John Collett, 36, whose legs were amputated after an IRA punishment shooting in Londied in hospital. He had been

# Serb tells his murderous tale

where he received his basic training. The first hint of the sort of work expected of him emerged when he and other Bosnian Serb volunteers were shown a demonstration of hand-to-hand combat using pigs. Soon afterwards in the village of Donja Bioca, Mr Herak, 21, said in an interview at Sarajevo's Victor Bubani military prison that he was ordered to repeat the exercise on Bosnian Muslims. He killed three prisoners with a 6in hunting blade, an episode he recounted in a detached, almost dispassion-ate fashion: They did not resist, but one of them told me

he had a wife and two children. His name was Ahmed Ziad Osman." Mr Herak volunteered the information readily and insisted that he had not been coerced or mistreated during his captivity. Professor Aida Hasimbegovic, a clinical psychologist. said he displayed no severe psychological problems that would make him unfit to

stand trial. That impression was confirmed when he described in a dear manner the grim saga of how his unit took part in the "cleansing" of the Muslim



with his actions

village of Ahatovic, north of Sarajevo, last summer. This time he used a Kalashnikov rifle to shoot 20 civilians and then joined other Serbs in looting homes.

"The order was that nobody should stay alive, we should kill everybody." he said, adding that the instructions had come down the Serbian chain of command from the area commander in the town of Ilijas. "We did not have any choice. He told us what had to be done; and we did it."

In probably the most gruesome episode, he said that Serb fighters were encouraged to rape young Bosnian women at a prison turned military brothel where immates were killed to make way for the arrival of newcomers.

"I raped the girls in the motel and then took them to the Zuc hill [north of Sarajevol. shot them and hid their bodies. I raped 10 girls in their twenties and killed six of them." he said. identifying victims by name — Anissa, Fatima. Maira. Sabina. and Senada. He insisted that he was forced to act against his will because of the threat of punishment by his superiors.

What makes his account disturbing is the clear impression that his actions were by no means an isolated case but part of a widespread practice. The prospect of a trial and execution did not daunt the young prisoner, who said that he looked forward to the judgment because he could no longer live with what he had done. But he doubted it would have any impact in preventing

further brutalities. "All I know is that while I am here sitting and talking, these same horrors are going on somewhere else, "he said.

# Charities to share state lottery profits

PETER Brooke, the heritage secretary, will promise charities a special share in proceeds of the £4 billion-a-year national lottery when he unveils legislation this week. He manonal lottery when he univers registation this will go towards will guarantee that a slice of the proceeds will go towards "charitable works" as well as arts, sports and heritage projects when the lottery starts in 1994. He is also anxious to make sure that small charities benefit. Restrictions on charities and football pools will also be swept away to appease MPs who believe that a national state-run lotters would put the other sectors at risk.

The rules governing competitions run by voluntary bodies are likely to be relaxed, opening the way for charities to run their own lottery schemes. Restrictions on advertising the pools will be lifted and companies are likely to be allowed to sell coupons in shops and elsewhere. Changes in rules and betting dury have not been finally sanctioned, but Mr Brooke is planning to tell MPs this week that he believes charities will be better off after the national lottery starts. He has made it clear to colleagues that he regards as grossly exaggerated claims by pools companies that they will lose \$40 million a year and 6,500 jobs because of the lottery.

## Doubt on park 'attack'

A London police sergeant who claimed to have been attacked by gunmen in Hyde Park, starting a terrorist alert across central London during the rush hour last month, may face questions over his future after detectives concluded there was no evidence he had been attacked (Stewart Tendler writes). Scotland Yard said in a statement. "A thorough investigation has now established there was no terrorist involvement. Following extensive enquiries, independent witnesses have been seen and interviewed. However, there is no evidence to support the original allegation by the officer of a serious assault... The officer remains on sick leave." Sergeant Philip Thomas. 41, was found in the park with blood on him calling for help on his radio. Police believed he had been pistol-whipped after interrupting a terrorist attack.

#### Channel link progress

British Rail's plans for a high-speed rail link between London and the Channel tunnel are expected to be passed this week to the transport department, with details released later to the public. Protests over previous schemes for the route, which BR had originally planned across Kent, and the government's insistence that private companies take a lead in building the line have caused repeated delays to a start on the high-speed link.

A transport department spokesman said: "When we receive the report, we will consider it carefully and make an announcement on the next stage as soon as possible. We want to end unnecessary delay and uncertainty."

#### Aids tests in pregnancy

Pregnant women are to be offered Aids tests under new health department guidelines, part of the department's policy to make screening for HIV anti-bodies more accessible to people in high-risk categories. Tests will be offered to women who believe they may be at risk. It is not planned to make the test routine for all of the one million women who become pregnant each year. A report last year showed that one in every 500 sexually active women in inner London was carrying the virus.

#### Homeowners stay put

The backlog of homeowners prevented from moving by the housing market has risen, according to a survey. The Alliance and Leicester building society says that 31 per cent of people questioned recently said they had delayed a move because of the depressed housing market, an increase of 3 per cent on surveys in May and January. The greatest backlogs are in London (38 per cent), the East Midlands (36) and South Yorkshire (37). Among those least affected are the South West (24). East Anglia (24) and the North (22).

#### Dead fox thrown at ball

Several people have been charged with public order offences after revellers at a hunt ball at the weekend were mobbed by about a hundred protesters. Anti-hunt activists hurled a dead fox and threw eggs and flour at guests as they arrived for the East Sussex and Romney Marsh Hunt ball at the Winter Gardens in Eastbourne. One policeman was injured and cars were damaged as some protesters tried to enter the building. Police said: "Because of disturbances in previous years a police operation was pre-planned."

#### Pit women end sit-in

Scargill (right), the wife of the NUM president, ended their sit-in at a south Yorkshire coal mine after occupying a conference room for 48 hours in protest at the planned pit closures. The women, who claimed they had been told their jobs were at risk, marched out of the gates of Markham Main pit near Doncaster in a procession of 500 people, led by the colliery band.



#### Mosque firebombed

Two men were arrested near the Newham North Islamic and Muslim Centre in Forest Gate, east London, yesterday after two petrol-filled milk bottles were thrown at the building. The blazing bottles smashed a window but failed to go through and the window frame was charred. On Saturday a brick was thrown through a window at the centre.

# Racing yachtsman dies

A yachtsman died yesterday after he and two other crew members were swept overboard during a race in the Milford Haven estuary in west Wales. Keith Rogers, 53, was taken by helicopter to hospital in Haverfordwest but died later. Keith Jones, 55, and Simon Hurst, 34, were unhurt. All three men are from Pembroke Dock, Dyfed.

# Colonel in gun scare

Police were called to a house in Ashford, Kent, on Saturday after the wife and neighbours of a 55-year-old retired army colonel claimed he had a loaded revolver. About 40 officers. some armed, sealed off the area and waited for more than 24 hours until he emerged. A spokesman said: "A man was arrested and will be examined and then questioned."

## Seabirds identified

Seabirds seen on the northeast coast of England for the past four summers have been identified as Swinhoe's petrels after three years of research including DNA "genetic fingerprinting". Birding World magazine reports. The petrels nest on islands off Japan, Korea and China and petrels nest on islands off Japan, Korea and China and normally come no nearer to Britain than the Indian Ocean.

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# Joy for the Princess Royal, but most believe that crowning the Waleses would be a mockery

# Opinion polls show support for William as next King

By ROBIN YOUNG

divorced.

TWO opinion polls published people believe Prince William and not his father Prince Charles, should succeed the Queen as the next British

Other findings in a plethora of polls that have been published in the wake of the royal separation suggested that a majority opposes the possi-bility that the Princess of Wales might become Queen.

The polls also suggest that most people would not see divorce as damaging Prince Charles's right to succeed to the throne.

The suggestion that the crown should pass directly from the Queen to Prince William, by-passing Prince Charles, commanded 42 per cent support in a poll published by the News of the World. This figure rose to 49 per cent in an ICM poll that was conducted for the Sunday

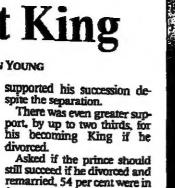
In the News of the World poll, for which 511 people were telephoned by Continental Research, two thirds said the constitutional position that could still allow the prince and princess to become King and Queen "made a mockery of the monarchy".

Fewer than a fifth thought that the couple should still be jointly crowned and while a third thought that Prince Charles should succeed alone. the biggest single group ex-pressing a view said they believed that the crown should ss directly to Prince

Book of the Man

In the Sunday Express, for which more than 1,000 respondents were questioned, only 45 per cent wanted Prince Charles to claim the throne -4 per cent fewer than those who supported his son's

gement for Prince Charles in The Sunday Times. A tele-Mori found that 60 per cent



A Gallup survey in The Sunday Telegraph found that 62 per cent would prefer to see the prince and princess divorce after two years rather than continue with the separa-Of 620 people personally interviewed for the survey, 60

per cent believed the separation had damaged the monarchy "a great deal".

A total of 43 per cent said they thought the prince should

at some stage renounce the throne in favour of Prince The Telegraph poll found that 56 per cent would disapprove of the Princess of Wales becoming queen now that she is separated. In The Sunday

An NOP poll of more than 1,000 people for The Mail on Sunday and ITN reported that 52 per cent believed the Prince of Wales should succeed to the throne if he remained separated from his wife, while 54 per cent be-lieved he should become king

Times the figure was 57 per

after a divorce Previously unpublished answers to Mori's poil showed that 77 per cent of respon-dents believed that the public's attitude to the monarchy would be improved by the recent offer of the Queen to pay income tax.

Only 10 per cent thought the government should, as it intends, pay for the restoration

This compares with 48 per cent who thought the cost should be shared with the Queen and 38 per cent who thought the Queen should pay the entire bill for the repairs.



Piped blessing. The Princess Royal and Commander Laurence with their families at the door of Crathie Church after the ceremony

# 'Keep everything under control'

Queen Mother prepared to step down from the high vehicle. The Duke of York raced to find her a small stepping stool. "I can do it, you know," his grandmother was plainly heard to say. "Wait," the Duke commanded. She

did it anyway.
Finally came another Range Rover, driven by the Duke of Edinburgh, with the bride, in a cream suit and her flower-decked hair flowing down her back, in the front passenger seat and her daughter Zara, acting as brides-maid, in the back. They all looked

> As he received the bride at the door the Rev Keith Angus, minister of Crathie, in the red cassock of a chaptain royal, gave her some brief instructions; there had been no opportunity for a rehearsal. The privately-shot video film, later made available to television networks, overheard the bride telling all and sundry. "Keep everything under control". Then, seeing a microphone near by, the Princess ordered it unplugged.
>
> Commander Laurence stood before

with his best man, Charles Barker-Wyatt. The Princess stood beside him with Zara. Above, the expressionless bust of Queen Victoria gazed down
upon a scene which is unlikely to have
amused her. The minister proceeded
with the standard wedding service
from the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Order. Marriage was "ordained for the continuance of the holy ordinance of family life, that children who are the heritage of the Lord shall

Bride and groom promised to stay loving faithful and loyal ... until God shall separate us by death". The couple knelt before the communion table for a blessing and in barely half an hour the first royal wedding ever to be conducted on Deesside was over.

be duly murtured and trained up in

At the church door a piper played Mair's Wedding. The motorcade hurtled back to the castle in what was by now an enveloping dusk. The bride, illuminated by television lights, of-fered a broad smile as she flashed by, happiest I've ever seen her look; I think she got what she wanted," said a lady from inside layers of tweed. Others, by now fighting off hypo-thermia, seemed undismayed that such a loop wait had been rewarded.

such a long wait had been rewarded with such brief glimpses. Alastair Webster and his wife Julie, from Australia, thought it all a great British tradition, adding their belief that their own country would be a republic within ten years. Mr Nashimoto jabbered excitedly to his camera. "Japanese very interested in this news," he said between takes.

The moment the motorcade had disappeared back within the safety of the castle grounds the church was locked up and the crowd dispersed in urgent search of warmth. Inside the estate the champagne reception was reportedly in full swing in a tea-room normally used by the public when the eastle is open in early summer.

The Queen, who is famously careful with money and may soon be paying the expense accounts of her children from her own pocket, judged it too

for an afternoon. Within two hours the party was over.

The Queen and other members of the royal family sped the 50 miles to Aberdeen airport to catch waiting aircraft of the Queen's flight to the halmy climate of southern England. Bride and groom were left alone at Craigowan House, a property on the estate hastily refurbished for the occasion. There was word of a candlelit dinner with the Princess's two children, Peter and Zara.

The honeymoon will be brief. Com-mander Laurence is expected back at his desk in the Defence Ministry, and the Princess will resume her public duties, tomorrow.

Yesterday a few cold cameramen continued to keep vigil by the church, hoping that the couple might appear at the normal Sunday morning service, which they did not.

The newsmen's only reward for patience was to be entertained by two Grampian traffic policemen wrestling an errant sheep which was sauntering up the middle of the road in the direction of Braemar.

#### Separation coverage by Sun 'was obscene'

By Adam Fresco

A MINISTER of the church whose daughter was raped yesterday criticised the tabloid press for their coverage of the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Canon Michael Saward's comments came three days after his daughter Jill attacked certain newspapers before a Commons select committee for their coverage of her ordeal

During his sermon at St Paul's Cathedral, where he is canon in residence, Canon Saward said that the role of the mass media, especially the tabloid press, in the separation of the prince and princess could not be ignored.

He condemned some of the reporting of the announce-ment that they were to part, singling out the coverage of The Sun as "grotesque and obscene". Present laws left the press able to "render any civilised family life almost impossible for those who are, justly or unjustly, the victims". Canon Saward added: "I

speak here as one whose family has suffered gross intrusion into grief and horror from the mass media. It is hardly accidental that, in response to the prime minister's call for a moratorium as regards media prying into the life of the Prince and Princess of Wales, The Sun newspaper - if one may call it that devoted almost all of it first 34 pages to this story on Thurs-

"Such coverage is grotesque and obscene in its insensitivity and it will thoroughly deserve any parliamentary restriction on its behaviour should such a course of action result from the present deliberations of the Houses of Parliament.

His daughter had also attacked The Sun for publishing a photograph of her shortly after the rape with only her eyes blacked out, and called for new laws to curb invasions of privacy by the media.

Canon Saward added that although self-regulation of the press was preferable to government action, that appeared unlikely to be achieved in the present climate.

# Rival du Maurier biographer claims he is vindicated by lesbian love letters

ARTS REPORTER

NEW evidence of Daphne du Maurier's homosexuality has caused a fresh outbreak of hospilities between her biographers. Martyn Shallcross, whose biography hinted at a lesbian affair, is now demanding an apology from the "literary mafia" who, he claims, were intent on discrediting him and covering up du Maurier's true story.

A secret correspondence between Dame Daphne and Gertrude Lawrence, the actress who died in 1952, has been uncovered and is now in the hands of Margaret Forster, her official biographer. The letters are thought to contain explicit evidence of the affair between the two women, and Forster is reported to be rewriting her book to include them. Shallcross, who says he has always known about du Maurier's lesbian affairs and hinted at them in his early memoir, says that he has been proved right. He is seeking an apology from Forster and du Maurier's family for attacking

his version of the author's life. Shallcross, who maintains that he was a close friend of the queen of popular fiction, who died in April 1989 at the age of 82, is adding another chapter to his own work. He spoke fully about his private knowledge for the first time: 'It all stems from Daphne's father, who was bisexual himself. Daphne had one govern■ A reputed secret correspondence between the author and Gertrude Lawrence has reopened a literary war of words



Du Maurier: "a wild spirit and bohemian"

ess after another and she was very insecure. She adored her father. She had an obsession with incest. But she had a very unstable and unhappy child-hood and was strongly attract-ed to older women afterwards. "She always had a photo of Gertrude Lawrence in her

bedroom at Menabilly. During rehearsals for a play in London, du Maurier became very interested in Gertie and Gertie was intrigued by her that's when it all began and it lasted for many years. She was crazy about Gertie, truly in love with her." Christian



Lawrence: "intrigued by du Maurier"

Browning, du Maurier's son and one of her literary executors, would not comment yesterday.
Forster said that Shallcross's

book was criticised only because it contained "unsubstantiated allegations" and quoted no sources. She would not comment on the letters, saying the world must wait for her authorised biography, written with the help of the

family and due out next year. Shallcross maintains that Rebecca, du Maurier's bestloved novel, contains strong lesbian undertones. "If it is

treated as a straightforward Barbara Cartland romance. then all the power of the book is lost. I think Forster is treating Daphne like a twinset and pearls character, but that's exactly what she wasn't. She was a wild spirit and a real bohemian.

Shallcross's book, The Private World of Daphne du Maurier, published last year, was heavily criticised by Forster and by the du Maurier family, who called it cheap and sensational. Du Maurier fans refused to believe that the author of classics such as Januica Inn and French-Jamaica Inn and Frenchman's Creek broke 1930s sexual taboos.

Judith Cook, whose biography Daphne: A Portrait of Daphne du Maurier was also poorly received, was surprised by the new dispute and said that her research had not revealed any intimate relationships with women. "It's true that her father had a weird effect on his children's sexual development, but I truly did not think that du Maurier was gay. And Lawrence was a

positive nymphomaniac." Shallcross is still biner about his treatment. "I was attacked by what I call the literary mafia, which was established by authors like Margaret Forster. They said that I had made it up. If the family had collaborated with me, rather than attack me, we could have written a marvellous book because I really did know Daphne very well," he said.

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# 007's intimate secrets go under the hammer

By ANDREW LYCETT

THE intimate relationship between James Bond, secret agent 007, and his creator, Ian Fleming, will become public property tomorrow when the author's working notebook is auctioned at

Inside a flimsy 128-page looseleaf notebook Fleming, the former wartime spy, jotted down ideas for the Bond books and personal reflections. It is being sold by his step-daughter, From Morgan, Pari of the proceeds (estimated at up to £30,000) will go to the London

The entries were called during Fleming's travels to cities such as Tokyo, Berlin and Bombay. His discovery that

(you only live twice) gave him one of his best-known titles, while his notes on gold smuggling in the Far East led to the plot for Goldfinger.

Fleming tried out names, including the villain Blofeld, first noted in November

1958 and used in Thunderball in 1961. The notebook contains many of the sharp descriptions of people and places that are characteristic of his novels, such as "She had a blunt, short-lipped mouth, proud like a half-healed wound."

The melancholic strain in the notebook reflects Fleming's personal crisis as he struggled with advancing middle age and ill health. The horrors of losing one's faculties are starkly drawn in these pages: "Most people are unconscious up

the Japanese for "top secret" is gokuhi to 17, dreaming until 25, awake to 39, mad after 40, dead after 60," be wrote. Troubled with sciatica and kidney stones, as well as his failing marriage to his dynamic wife, Anne, Fleming was undoubtedly writing from experience when he noted: "Pain is a private address. Only those who have been that way before know the unlisted number." way before know the unlisted number."

His last work, published posthumously in 1966, was a short story. The Property of a Lady, which has Bond at Sotheby's bidding against the resident Loudon KGB director. Perhaps some latter-day Bond will step in and bid to prevent this important literary document going to the

# Companies condemn parasites of insolvency

THE people who are making the biggest killing out of the recession, the liquidators and receivers of bankrupt companies, have been described as "parasites" because of the high fees they charge and the poor deals they often secure

Their "victims", ranging from Mirror Group pensioners to small businessmen, are incensed by the mounting profits of the companies whch specialise in insolvency

Many MPs, and even insolvency experts themselves, believe that bankruptcy procedures require urgent revision. Cork Gully, the country's biggest practice, has 900 people working on insolvencies compared with 600 two

this year, insolvency firms are accused of profiteering and face calls for changes for Leicester East who has championed the cause of

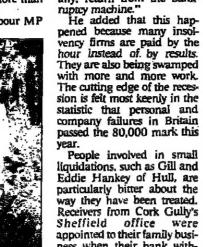
As bankruptcies reach a record 80.000

years ago. It earned £74 million from the business in the year ending March 31. Its rival, Touche Ross, has charged £40 million for un-ravelling the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapse with senior partners such as Chris Morris and Brian Smouha charging several hundred pounds an hour

for their services.

The investigation into the business affairs of the late Robert Maxwell by accountants, lawyers and investment bankers is costing more than

£1 million a week Keith Vaz, the Labour MP



ness when their bank withdrew overdraft facilities. They sold a company with £200,000 worth of blue-chip orders and £200,000 worth of equipment for just £35,000,"

BCC1 depositors and staff, described the liquidator's fees as "a scandal". He said: "They are becoming rich on

John McQueen, chief exec-

urive of the Bankruptcy Asso-ciation, said: "Many receivers

and liquidators are behaving

like parasites living off strug-

gling companies.
"Most of the money they

recover goes in fees and creditors usually see little, if any, return from the bank-

the victims' money"

Mrs Hankey daimed. By the time they had taken their fees there was nothing left for us or the creditors".

The deal left the couple still owing the bank £88,000 and they were forced out of their home as the house had been taken as security. "Not only did we lose our business but our family was split up as well," said Mrs Hankey.

"Our eldest daughter left

mother, who had a granny flat in our house, had to go into council accommoda-Jackie Morgan claimed that the liquidators who moved into her fashion company in Sussex sold designer clothes, which had cost £20,000 and were still un-packed, for just £1.500. She saw dresses worth more than £50 for sale on market stalls

The liquidators had been appointed by Customs and Excise because she owed £6.000 in value-added tax. "If they had let me have a sale, they would have got their full amount back," she said.

"Because of the way they handled it the Vatmen received only a fraction of what they were owed and other people got nothing".

Barry Ambrose, a plumber from Nottingham, was bankrupted by Customs and Excise over a disputed Vat bill, which was finally agreed at £2,100.

He and his wife Ann could have paid that amount, but while they were negotiating with local officials. Customs and Excise lawyers in London petitioned for his bankruptcy.

The couple have now been presented with a bill for E15,000 by Pannell Kerr Forster, who were appointed as their trustees in bankruptcy. As Mr and Mrs Ambrose argued about the size of the bill and another bill from the Inland Revenue, the trustees made enquiries about the small detached home that the couple jointly own.

The trustees asked me if I could buy out my husband's share," Mrs Ambrose said. "When I told them I could not, they said 'We are going to have your house, don't bother fighting it'. I came away stunned. It was like being

Alan Simpson, Labour MP for Nottingham South who has taken up the plumber's case, said: "It is absolutely outrageous that the trustees have the power they do and can charge such fees without

THE BOOM IN BANKRUPTCY THE RISE AND RISE OF INSOLVENCY FEES

He is calling on the trustees to accept that Mr Ambrose should pay only his trading bills and that other charges should be waived because of the extraordinary circum-

Spokesmen for the leading insolvency firms reject their perceived role as villains. They say that in many of the bankruptcy cases they handle there are insufficient fees even

Touche Ross is hoping, however, that its efforts will lead eventually to BCCI creditors recovering 30 to 40 per cent of their losses while Robson Rhodes has laid claim to £248 million of missing Maxwell pension funds and has identified

Steve Hill, a senior partner in Cork Gully, said that recovering funds in cases such as BCCI. Maxwell and Polly Peck, which his firm handled, was extremely complex and ime-consuming - and therefore expensive.

'In these cases, unexplained large sums of money have gone into black holes and it is our job to climb down into them to try and find the

lives sitting writing cheques out to ourselves," he added. "If we are acting as receivers, the fees we charge are agreed with the bank which appointed us - and with so many bad debts affecting them they are

Cork Gully

passionately interested in fees.
"If we are acting as liquidators appointed by a committee of creditors, they have a lot to lose if money is misspent and so fix fees accordingly."

His colleagues also talk of an expectation gap" between what the bankrupt believes his company or goods is worth and what it will actually

They say that specialist stock, such as that owned by the Hankeys' company, will fetch poor prices in a recession and that the value which retailers such as Mrs Morgan put on their stock frequently reflects such things as overheads and profit margins.

"Once a company is forced into liquidation, creditors often find an excuse for not paying their debts and buyers know they can get bankrupt stock at knock-down prices," Mr Hill said.

☐ Next: the calls for a fairer Losers" avoided bankruptcy

#### Business left deeper in debt by receivers

BY TONY DAWE

WHEN Keith Raven and his two partners realised that their adhesive-tape manufacturing company in Corby, Northamptonshire, was run-ning into financial difficulties, they arranged to sell it for £58,000. Their bankers, to whom they owed money, refused to sanction the deal and the partners were urged to appoint KPMG Peat Marwick as receivers.

The business was eventually sold by the receivers for £64,000, but their fees for achieving this extra £6,000 came to more than £20,000. These fees, other statutory charges involved in receivership and interest on his overdraft left Mr Raven owing the bank £25,000 instead of the £7,000 he would have owed if the first deal had approved. He was forced to leave his home, which the bank is trying to

sands of small businessmen who are bitterly critical of Britain's bankruptcy procedures. "If we had been left to sort out the problems we would have done a better job and ended up with fewer debts," he said.

CASE STUDY

"Within three working days of their appointment, the receivers had sacked everybody except me, closed the business down and adver-tised it for sale. It was a bitter disappointment."

A spokesman for Peat Marwick said that his firm had reservations about the original offer for Mr Raven's company while the deal achieved was a sound one. "We are happy that our fees are justified," he added. There was a considerable amount of work to be done: book debts to be collected. and the staff and secured and unsecured creditors to be

Survey finds Britons pay 40% more for some models

# Car-makers may have to produce guide to Europe's bargain buys

THE European Commission will move this week to make car manufacturers produce comparative price lists to help buyers find out where the bargains are.

Bitter: Gill and Eddie Hankey lost their home

Denials by British manufacturers that UK motorists get a bad deal have failed to convince EC consumer groups, which claim that, for example, a five-door 1392cc Ford Fiesta costs 45 per cent more in Britain than in France.

A report by the Bureau of European Consumer Unions shows that prices can differ by 51 per cent, with British prices among the highest. EC competition rules stipu-

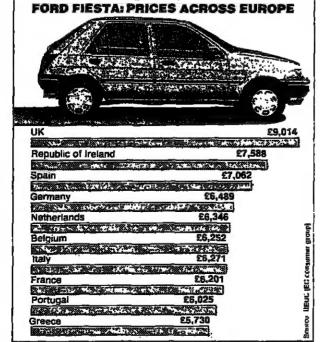
late that price differences for the same car in different EC markets should not exceed 12 per cent and that customers must be free to import. UK manufacturers claim that the European research

was carried out before the pound's realignment in the exchange-rate mechanism and that it also did not allow for specification differences. They argue that discounts offered by UK dealers are greater than in the rest of Europe.

Laura Mosca, author of the report, said: "We have found prices to be around 40 per cent higher in the UK than elsewhere and devaluation will only have reduced prices by 10 per cent at most." She said the bureau was aware of differences in specifications and had compared 13 identical

Simon Hinde of the Consumers' Association said: "The discount excuse is a smokescreen by the car industry to hide inflated prices. Discounts exist in other European countries and anyway. not everyone gets them."

Under a Commission plan to be announced this week, manufacturers will have to



select a representative car from their product range and, each May and November, publish the price, in ecus and local currency and before and after tax, in the EC countries. They will also have to supply informarion about delivery costs. warranty. roadside assistance options and common extras such as air-conditioning. right-hand drive and power

steering. EC officials have indicated that the plan is not legally binding, but manufacturers who do not co-operate will risk losing their right to distribute through exclusive dealerships.

A spokesman from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said: "The motor industry's view is that until such time as we have a single currency and harmonisation of taxes throughout the Community, price lists of this nature will be difficult to produce."

Consumer organisations say prices in the UK are higher because company cars, which account for more than half of sales, distort the market. Britain's geography also makes it more difficult to import cars and some manufacturers claim, falsely, that it is more expensive to make right-hand-

# Scientists call for improved monitoring of exhaust fumes

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

THE monitoring of car polluradical shake-up, according to a report by a governmentappointed group of scientists

ubushed toda The network of stations monitoring car exhaust fumes. which are prompting health concerns of a kind once associated with London smogs, is too small, not properly coordinated, and backed up by inadequate research, according to a committee of specialists brought together by the environment department to review the quality of urban

Its first report, published 40 years after the great London "pea-souper" of December 1952, which claimed 4,000 lives in five days, and a year after London's worst episode of motor vehicle pollution, will add to growing pressure on the government to introduce restrictions on traffic growth and movement, although the group's terms of reference preclude it from calling for them directly.

The 1952 smog was likened to pea soup because of its impenetrable thickness, but a better comparison might have been lemon juice. The dark cloud of smoke that reduced visibility throughout London to less than five yards contained millions of droplets of sulphuric acid, formed from

the sulphur dioxide emitted by thousands of coal fires. "We've largely got rid of the old type of smogs, thanks to the Clean Air Act and changes in fuel use." said the 's chairman. Professor Roy Harrison, professor of environmental health at Birmingham University. But what we've seen instead has been a massive growth of motor vehicles, and we've just

exchanged one type of pollu-tion for another. The new type of smog is much less visible, but not necessarily less serious." The report warns that urban concentrations of two of the worst car pollutants, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide, exceed international health guidelines in many areas where there is heavy traffic. It also says the benefi-

cial effect of catalytic converters - poliution control systems mandatory on all new cars from next month — is likely to be swamped by the sheer growth of motor vehicle traffic. which is expected to double by High levels of oxides of

nitrogen, known generically as nox cause breathing difficulties and are a prime suspect in the increase in asthma in children, while carbon monoxide adds to the difficulties of people with poor blood circulation. In May, a report from government's Warren

Spring laboratory revealed that nox levels in Britain had increased by 35 per cent in five years, and a third of the 363 sites measured showed levels above the World Health Or anisation guidelines. The scientists' report indi-

cates that the present air quality monitoring network is inadequate to cope with the situation. Last February, the government launched a series of high-technology monitoring stations, measuring sevpollutants simultaneously in London

and five other cities. The scientists believe this should be increased to cover at least 24 cities and towns. The environment department's own monitoring sta-

tions, set up for diverse reasons such as compliance with EC laws, is "now in urgent need of rationalisation and review", the report says.

A year ago yesterday, London suffered its worst recorded incident of traffic pollution when a temperature inversion sent nitrogen dioxide levels soaring in central parts of the capital.

"There don't seem to have been any short-term health effects from this episode, but people are worried about the long-term effects, particularly on the immune system," said Tim Brown, of the National Society for Clean Air.

#### MENSINBRIEF

#### Stressed? Grin and bear it

Health and safety campaigneople to smile in a drive to fight stress in the run-up to Christmas. Smile for Safety Week aims to counteract the effects of stress and tension. which are the greatest causes of ill health and accidents, during what can be the most stressful time of year.

James Tye, director-general of the British Safety Council, said: "Smiling is the key to wellness and now is the time to start on the road to a happier, healthier, stress-free life.

Dr Robert Zanjonc, psychology professor at the University of Michigan, said: "There is a definite link between facial expressions and the way people behave. When we smile, relaxation and healing chemicals enter the blood stream and the body returns to a natural, balanced state."

#### Prescott crash

John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, crashed into an unlit car-trailer on the M56 on Saturday after it became separated during another collision. Mr Prescott's Daimler was badly damaged but neither he nor his wife was hurt.

#### 466 die at work

Accidents at work killed 466 people in Britain last year and caused serious injury to 179.388, the Health and

#### Safety Commission said. Man is held

South African police are questioning a man over the mur-der of Elizabeth Over. of Albans, Hertfordshire, and Julie Godwin, of Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, whose bodies were found near Sodwana Bay, Zuhıland, last

#### Jumbo growth

Gardeners can now buy ele-phant manure from Chester Zoo by mail order. A 30lb bag costs £3 plus postage. A 200 of-ficial said: "It's better than horse manure. Elephants are good chewers."

#### **Bond winners**

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw: £100,000, number 6WK 955011, who lives in Cumbria (value of holding £[,721]; £50.000, 11EK 173445. Blackburn (value of holding £410); £25,000, 20HP 316451, Buckinghamshire (£2,100).

# Hill farmers protest at £20m subsidy cut

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

HILL farmers have protested

strongly against a cut of \$20 million in their subsidies next David Naish, the president of the National Farmers' Un-

Mr Naish said it was particularly damaging that John minister to say that the cut had Gummer, the agriculture min-

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provoked disbelief and would ister, had announced the cuts be a severe blow. Thousands at the same time as the prime of sheep and cattle producers in hill areas such as North Wales and Cumbria receive the special subsidies to offset the handicap of farming in inhospitable terrain where arable agriculture is not possible.

minister had been offering assurances of his support for a viable future for farming. Mr Gummer told the Commons on Thursday that the subsidies - known as hill livestock compensatory allowances - would be cut in the most severely disadvantaged areas from £8.75 to £6.50 per

cut of 26 per cent) and from 54.90 to \$3.60 per head for other sheep (27 per cent). The curs were justified. Mr Gummer said, because hill farmers were expecting a significant rise in incomes for the second year running. That

head for hardy-breed ewes (a

was due to strong lamb prices and the pound's devaluation. which had increased the sterling value of EC farm subsidies fixed in European currency units. As a result, the special hill livestock payments, which are

mainly funded by the national

exchequer, were "considered to be greater than is necessary to compensate for the permanent natural handicaps of farming in those areas"

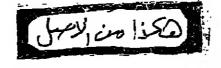
John Thorley, secretary of the National Sheep Association, said: "This is an absolute disaster. Mr Gummer is crackers. He is deliberately hurting one of the few areas of agriculture that generates a positive trade balance. The whole country will suffer."

The Council for the Protec tion of Rural England said it was environmentally absurd to cut subsidies for hill farmers, who were responsible for the upkeep of the country's upland landscapes, when millions were being spent on the folly and bureaucracy of "set aside", the EC policy of reducing cereal surpluses.

Andy Wilson, the council's senior policy officer, said the right approach was to discourage over-stocking by switching



Fog-bound: London in December 1952, when 4,000 people died in five days.



'Enjoy it now and forget tomorrow'

# Northern shoppers carry on spending despite recession

By Paul Wilkinson and Harvey Elliott

UNEMPLOYMENT in the north of England might have reached 25 per cent in some places, but people with money seem to be doing their best to spend the country out of

The "spend it while you've got it" aminde has helped Britain's third biggest holiday firm, Manchester-based Airtours, to increase profits this year by a third while shopping centres such as the huge Metrocentre outside Newcastle are reporting a thriving Christmas trade.

Announcing profits of £36.5 million, David Crossland, Airtours chairman, said-"People who live in the north have lower mortgages and have therefore benefited more quickly from lower interest rates. We now fill 65 per cent of our flights with northerners and only about 35 per cent are south of Watford."

By concentrating on the north the package firm has increased the number of its passengers by 34 per cent compared with an industry-

wide rise of 12 per cent. Bob Tilmouth, chief executive of the Tyne and Wear chamber of commerce, said: There has always been an attitude here of 'li you have money, let's enjoy it today and

don't worry about tomorrow'. Unemployment might be up to 25 per cent in some places. but that means that 75 per cent have still got money to spend. You just have to look at places like the Metrocentre and Eldon Square in Newcastle. They are wall-to-

wall people. Mr Tilmouth said people were benefiting from the lower mortgage rates, while north-ern building societies had been more prudent in their lending than some in the south. "They didn't go potty, throwing money around like some I could mention, and as a result there's not such a big problem with repossessions. The levels here are normal. Each one is a tragedy, but they are not on the scale you are

seeing in the South East." The region's black economy is another reason why people in the North East have money to spend. Unemployment is something its people have lived with for generations and have had to learn how to handle. The threat of a lost job is not so worrying as it might be to someone in the South East because a resourceful Geordie can always find a source of income, no matter

"Don't ask me for facts and

know what they've got until

they've brought them home."

standards officers and police have seized fake goods worth

£150,000 from markets and

illegal street traders, making 18 arrests last week.

Peter Mawdsley, Liver-pool's chief trading standards

officer, said: "Counterfeiting is

at its highest level for ten years.

with recession-hit consumers

being lured by cheaper prices, then exploited by fake and shoddy goods. The fakers are contributing nothing to the

local economy and their activi-ties are undermining legiti-

mate jobs."

Eileen Devaney, chair of

consumer protection in Liver-pool, said: The fekers are parasites on local consumers

and legitimate traders alike."

pool include: 308 bottles of

Chanel and Obsession per-fume selling for £10 instead of around £25; 2,000 designer-

label T-shirts and sweatshirts; 350 video tapes of classic Walt

Disney cartoon films and 8,000 pop music tapes which

ed £1 billion a year industry

which also includes pharma-

ceuticals, motor spares, electri-

cal products and computer

software. According to the

International Chamber of

Commerce, the under-the-

counter economy accounts for up to 8 per cent of world trade and 100,000 jobs in Britain.

In the run-up to Christmas

the Counterfeiting Intelli-

gence Bureau, a division of the ICC, has uncovered

£10,000 worth of sparkling

wine masquerading as a top-brand champagne in Shef-

field. A spokesman said: "Some of it was being sold by

taxi-drivers to Indian restau-

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and after a curry nobody could tell the difference."

brand names.

Fake goods seized in Liver-

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Amid demands for tougher

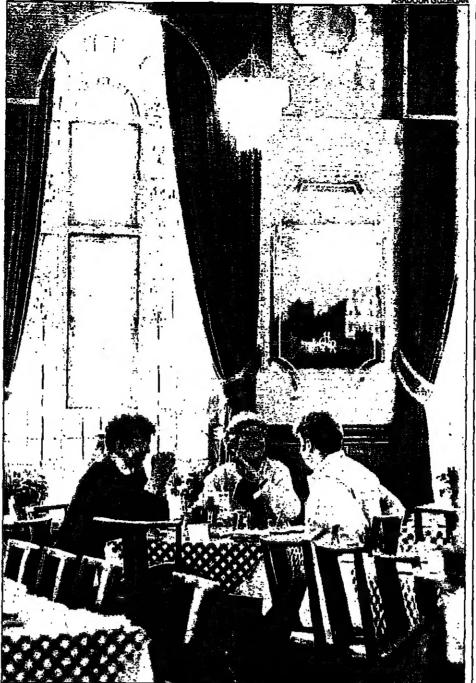
figures," said Mr Tilmouth. "You would never get them. But we know what goes on."

However, he dismissed suggestions that the end of the slump was in sight. "The North has ridden the recession better that the South East but there are no green shoots of recovery sprouting here just yet. We are about to start on Our regular survey of business for the last quarter of the year and initial soundings suggest things are even quieter now than they were earlier this year," he said.

Julian Hulse, chief execu-tive of Manchester chamber of commerce, said the Airtours success was seen as a bright spot on an otherwise dark Both Airtours and

Manchester airport have reported business up on last year, but then that was de-pressed by the effects of the Gulf war. It's good to see someone is doing well, but I don't see too many others," he

One reason for an increase in holidaymakers could be the number of people being made redundant, he said. People may be spending some of their savings, but in the North West there are no real signs of growth or optimism."



Happy days: Harry Ramsden's fish and chip restaurant in Ilkley, Yorkshire

# New pilots will wing their way on to the dole queue

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

TWENTY-TWO student pilots sponsored by British Airways will graduate from Britain's two biggest air training schools next month and immediately join more than 600 qualified pilots who are out of work.

Once the students have received their "wings", no new British pilots will be under training unless they have paid up to £50,000 each to take a course or are converting from the job of

flight engineer. The collapse of Dan-Air and other recent airline failures have left hundreds of pilots without jobs and created a lost generation of would-be commercial pilots who have little hope of getting full-time employment with an airline for several years.

The British Aerospace Fly-ing College at Prestwick in Scotland and the Oxford Air Training School, which have each produced thousands of pilots, now rely on foreign

students to keep going.
Captain Dave Thomas, chief instructor, said: "We used to be firmly based with British Airways trainee pilots, but they stopped sending us any more than a year ago."
For the past four years, dozens of pilots who qualified through the school could not find a job, leading many of them to find temporary work. often as stewards. Over the pext ten years, an estimated 2,000 BA pilots will retire at untried pilots will gradually be taken on the staff after completing refresher courses. However, no new trainees are likely to be enrolled for some

Nevertheless, both schools are optimistic that the prospects will improve soon. "I am convinced that the tide is turning." Captain Thomas said. "This has always been a cyclical industry and people who apply now to get in in a year's time could have a much better chance than those who

applied a year ago."
Ken Meehan, principal of
the Oxford school, is even more optimistic. "There is still a splendid future for any boy or girl contemplating a career as a professional pi-

The school is 70 per cent full, mainly with foreign stu-dents and self-sponsored British students. Like Prestwick. the Oxford school has sold its expertise to the Middle East and Southeast Asia, where airlines are still expanding.

However, with European and American airlines losing money heavily, and little sign the immediate prospects for

would be pilots are bleak.

A group of 16 pilots from RAF Cranwell will spend their Christmas holiday cooking a festive meal for 70 Uganda - but first they will have to build the kitchen at the Masindi Centre for the

# Police begin seasonal crackdown on street trade in fake goods

POLICE and trading standards officers have launched a crackdown on illegal traders selling fake brand-name products to Christmas shoppers.

Consumers looking for bargain-priced presents were warned to be on their guard as millions of pounds worth of settes, clothing and jewellery goes on sale nationwide.

Scores of arrests have already been made for tradedescription and copyright offences, and raids will be intensified on market stalls, car boot sales, fly-pitches and football grounds during the remaining 11 days to Christmas. Some illegal traders have been breaking into empty High Street shops, occupying them as "trading squats" and selling counterfeit products.

Mike Wadsley, secretary of the quality standards committee of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (Itsa), said: "It's a nationwide problem, particularly preva-lem at Christmas ... an alternative

Anthea Worsdall, secretary of the Anti-Counterfeiting Group, an association representing trademark owners, said: This is a particularly difficult time for brand owners because counterfeiters flood the market with sub-standard and sometimes nasty prodacts, and people buying cheap

**UK leads** rises in

> BY PHILLIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT in Britain has been rising at least twice as quickly as in any other EC country, according to a new computer analysis of joblessness across the Commun-

The results indicate the importance, to the UK in particular, of the package for economic growth and tackling unemployment agreed at the EC summit at Edinburgh at the

The jobs picture in Brit-

elsewhere. again in factories throughout the rest of Europe.

suffered from background "ringing" because of high-speed recording. Some cas-settes were blank or had tracks Videos and music tapes are mostly counterfeited in Britain, but many garments are mass-produced in the Third World and legitimately ex-ported to Britain, where they are illegally embroidered with The Christmas counterfeit as quickly as any other EC bonanza is part of an estimat-

country.

# Watchdog savages rip-off plumbers. Dyno-Rod alerts the public.

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Archbishop Carey Is slightly scary. He hopes to jazz up the religious scene By playing Kumbaya on

Sir John Harvey-Jones Seldom phones He just pops round the Barking: "You're all going to be poor!"

Michael Caine Lives life in the fast lane. He says: "I've got a date With the Queen, my best

Dennis Potter Writes more than he

Call me mean But I've had enough of old men with skinconditions singing popular songs to busty nurses juxtaposed with flashbacks to childhood in the Forest of

# European job losses

controls against brand-name piracy, the Home Office and the Office of Fair Trading have said they will review respectively the results of two surveys being undertaken by the Anti-Counterfeiting Itsa has set up a body of ity, carried out by The

regional co-ordinators to target pirates while the Anti-Counterfeiting Group is canvassing its 110 members, including multi-national firms, foreign companies and trademark agents, to define the magnitude of the In the unemployment blackspot of Liverpool, trading

ain is expected to worsen this week. First, new figures from the govern-ment to be published on Thursday will show that seasonally adjusted unemployment rose in November by an estimated 30,000 or more. It was the thirty-first consecutive month of rising jobless-ness and the figures do not include the large-scale job losses recently announced at the Post Office and

Second, companies are expected to continue the stream of redundancy an-nouncements that have carried on unabated since September. Among the largest companies likely to add to the list is Ford, whose American parent is set to announce on Wednesday widespread restructuring of its European operations. Some 3,000 jobs are expected to go in the company's Brit-ish plants, with as many

Job losses such as these have pushed up unemployment across Europe, but an analysis by The Times of unemployment data held on UK government computers shows that since the number out of work in Britain started to rise again in early 1990, unemployment has risen 74 per cent, at least twice

The analysis, based on the most recent figures available for each EC state, shows that the nearest country to Britain was Belgium, with a 37 per cent rise in unemployment. Luxembourg followed with an increase over the period of 33 per cent, and then Ireland at

30 per cent. At the start of the period, the number out of work ranked the UK fifth in the EC joblessness league. Now its position is second, marginally behind France. The UK now accounts for a fifth of all EC unemployment.

Changes may determine second referendum

# **Community forced** to be more flexible

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN EDINBURGH AND CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THE ten-page formula to exempt Denmark from some of the central sections of the Maastricht treaty is one of the most ambitious exercises in word-bending attempted by the European Community in its long history of ingenious compromises between 12

If the package agreed in Edinburgh by the Community's leaders stays intact in the rough political weather which can be expected in Denmark over the next few months, the Danish voters who rejected Maastricht last June will effect two changes in the EC. The scale of the opt-outs which the Danes have forced from other grit their teeth and admit that they had no other choice, takes the Community away from monolithic, uniform development and towards something

Last night two key Danish opposition parties unanimously approved the package. The parliamentary groups of

the Socialist Democratic party, Denmark's biggest political grouping, and the centrist Radical Liberals agreed to accept the opt-out deal secured at the EC summit by Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, the Danish prime minister, ensuring a clear majority in parliament for the package. Doubt still hung over the final stance of the leftist Socialist People's party, which held a protracted and acrimo-

nious debate on whether to accept the deal. The Danish document adopted at Edin-burgh strengthens a trend towards a Community with a core of common rights and responsibilities but with some common policies shared only by smaller groups. EC govern-ments will not decide whether they want to create a joint defence policy for another three or four years: if they head in that direction, they will almost certainly have to do so

without Denmark. On the day before the Maastricht referendum last summer, a popular television chat show host asked a Danish mother why she was going to vote "no". She replied: "I don't want my sons to go south to fight for the Germans." Mr Schluter is said to have remarked that this exchange cost his "yes" campaign 100,000 votes.

The second Danish effect is the urgent attention which the

Community's top people have been forced to give to the devolution of Brussels powers under the doctrine of subsidiarity" and to shedding a little light on the EC's arcane and private rituals of decision-making. The "openness" agreed at Edinburgh is limited but does entranch the precedent that the public can see and hear ministers occa-sionally debate EC law.

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Future perfect: Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, expressing his optimism for a successful outcome to journalists before the summit ended

# Pressure grows on Labour leader over Maastricht

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

JOHN Smith faces increasing ressure from Labour's pro-European wing not to vote against the Maastricht ratification bill in the Commons, in the wake of the European

Community summit.
Although Labour strategists are loath to reveal tactics in advance, party sources admit-ted yesterday that the Labour leader appeared more likely to ask his MPs to abstain, rather than vote against the bill at third reading. Many opposi-tion MPs are also less willing to tolerate the Euro-sceptics'

"time-wasting" tactics.
As the Labour leadership digested details of John Ma-jor's deal at Edinburgh, party sources made clear that the bill remained flawed as it exclud-ed the social chapter. John Cunningham, shadow foreign secretary, yesterday spoke of Britain's "failures" at the sunmit while welcoming the agreement on Danish demands. "Clearly the EC members recognised the funda-mental need to keep the Community together," he said. "That progress has, how-ever, been at the cost of increased contributions by

A senior Labour figure pri-vately confirmed that the Edinburgh deal, particularly the Danish concessions, had placed the party in "something of a quandary". The agreement makes it harder for Labour to delay ratification while at the some time the while, at the same time, the Labour leader parades the party's European credentials.

Britain to the Community

One shadow cabinet member predicted yesterday: "Pro-Europeans on both sides will now come out more into the open and there will be a greater degree of impatience with the tactics of Tory sceptics."
Giles Radice, a senior Lab-

our backbencher and Euroenthusiast, said the deal removed "most of the excuses" for voting against the Maas-tricht bill. "We are not prepared to allow time-wasters to hold up the bill," he said. There is even less purpose in holding it up now that the Danish question is solved, as far as it can be, and we cannot hide behind the Danes.

Pro-European members of the shadow cabinet, led by Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, are planning to "come ahead to show up the Tories

half-hearted stance to EC economic, employment and social policies.

Conservative mained divided over the Maastricht bill after the Edinburgh deal.Euro-sceptics repeated their commitment to peated their commitment to fight the legislation every inch of the way and they will demand that concessions made to the Danes are also granted to Britain. But Tory Euro-enthusiasts argued that the deal puts pressure on MPs to ratify the treaty.

Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay, said that Britain had been held to ransom by Spain. She warned other MPs

Spain. She warned other MPs against euphoria at the out-come of the summit. The EC

budget deal was giving money to the poorer countries which the richer ones could "ill afford" in the present climate. Hugh Dykes, chairman of the European Movement, urged MPs to press ahead with ratification. "Surely the

Commons now needs to finish the committee stage of the bill quickly. If we went all night for three or four nights we could wrap up the committee stage by mid February," he said. Fellow Tory MP John Bowis commented: "Edin-burgh has united Europe in its salute to John Major's negotiating skills. Now Euro-sceptics should salute him, too, and

back the Maastricht bill."
Sir Teddy Taylor remained committed to fighting for a referendum on Maastricht. People in Britain are fed up with what's happening in the EC. They want to be told what the issues are, and they want to decide. That's democracy," he told the LWT News Weekend



Smith: likely to ask MPs to abstain

#### **Bonn takes** heart from outcome

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

GERMAN politicians have reacted with determined opti-mism to the results of the mism to the results of the Edinburgh summit. Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, declared yesterday that "in Edinburgh the European idea and the political responsibility of the twelve achieved a suc-

cess". Deep scepticism remains in many quarters as to whether Maastricht in its present form has a future, but this is overshadowed by relief that the process is still on the

that the process is still on the rails at all.

The German government is naturally especially anxious to claim a success. According to Herr Kinkel: "Edinburgh will perhaps stand in future as a symbol that the European Community of the twelve are up to their responsibility as the stable core of Europe, and have begun systematically to have begun systematically to extend that area of stability — including towards Central and Eastern Europe."

The agreement to start talks at the beginning of next year on bringing in Austria and the Scandinavian countries is one success being emphasised by German diplomats, although French objections had already been overcome at the Mitter-rand-Kohl summit in Bonn.

Concerning the EC budget and the cohesion package for the poorer countries. Theo Waigel, the finance minister, pointed out that this is the first time the EC has been able to time the EC has been able to time the EC has been able to agree on a seven-year financial plan. The government is emphasising that some of this will flow back to Germany in the form of aid for the former east German Länder, which Bonn has had included in the list of Europe's underdeveloped areas. Public feeling against German aid to the rest of Europe is growing, but Herr Waigei pointed out that Germany still gets back more than half of what it pays to the EC.

#### Euro car plates plan dropped

By Our Foreign Staff

HARMONISED European car number plates and the regulation of gambling are among proposals dropped by EC leaders as part of the summit deal to cut interfer-ence in national life.

The summit agreement is designed to meet the growing public demand for more openness about the way the European Community works and for less intrusion by the Brussels bureaucrats.

The deal means the repeal of some EC laws and amendments to others and raises the prospect of public ministerial debate on foreign affairs, finance, agriculture and the environment whenever the EC is considering a "major initiative of public interest". An annexe to the summit declaration on "subsidiarity"

says that the Commission concluded that some of its proposals had no extra benefit over national decisionmaking on the same issues. Three proposals for directives have already been withdrawn — on food labeling and on radio frequencies involving aircraft and road transport. The Commission is

considering withdrawing a dozen more proposals, including legislation on 200 animals, issues concerning value-add-ed tax and indirect tax and on the import of cars.

During next year it will also

be weeding out unnecessary EC interference on various directives, many involving standards for foodstuffs: preserves, natural mineral waters, honey, coffee extracts and fruit juices. It will simplify EC laws on the environment, particularly on air and water, and drop directives introducing extra strict standards for the protection of pigs. calves and laying hens. this last only because all member states have acceded to the European animal protection convention.

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# How the deal was done — despite Spanish resistance

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND GEORGE BROCK

A CAR laden with champagne arrived at the Holyroodhouse palace, venue of the make-orbreak Edinburgh summit, at about 7pm on Saturday. Reporters milling around in the press centre at the neighbouring Meadowbank sports stadium were advised to take their seats for John Major's news conference, confidently expected an hour later. It was just like old times. A European Community official spread his hands in a gesture of resigna-tion: "It is 11 against one." How often had that been

said in the past when Margaret Thatcher was leading for Britain? This time the villain was elsewhere. "It's Spain against the rest," a minister taking a break from the eightand-a-half-hour marathon talks said. "Everyone else is ready to settle. Mitterrand is behaving like a kitten. We'll be

going home tonight." The champagne was premature, but they knew that sooner or later it would be consumed. From the moment they arrived in Scotland it was obvious that the heads of government had concluded that Edinburgh was a summit

that could not afford to fail. Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, was indulging in the brinkmanship that was Baroness Thatcher's hallmark - and everyone seated round the table knew he could not push his bluff too far. As the budget discussions staggered interminably on, Mr Major decided to move the summit for a time on to the eternally vexing question of allocating

seats for the European parlia-ment. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, whose partnership with the prime minister forged the summit success, suddenly lost his When a couple of his fellow leaders tried to question Germany's allocation of 18 extra sears to cater for reunification. the German chancellor

boomed: "This is not for

discussion. Otherwise I walk

out and can forget about your package." It was not the only threatened walkout of a reasonably well-tempered summit. Señor González, playing to his do-mestic audience, huffed and puffed in an early morning encounter with Mr Major. In NEGOTIATING TACTICS

■ The champagne was produced prematurely. With a little help from Germany and France, John Major made sure it was not wasted

at least two of the four separate budget sessions he appeared to be about to take his leave. At about 5pm on Saturday Señor-González stood up and headed for the door after spurning. a new offer with a dismissive gesture. The truth was, and everyone knew it, he could not in the end bring the summit down around him.

The success of the summit was largely charted by Herr Kohl and Mr Major. The prime minister won the plaudits yesterday, but be could not have done it without the towering efforts of the Ger-

Mr Major knew that if the price of failure at Edinburgh for him was great, it was many times more so for the rest of his colleagues. The most dangerous item on the agenda was Denmark but, large though the Danish demands were, Mr Major knew the summit could have to concede most of them to save the Maastricht

treaty. No wonder Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, felt able yesterday to praise Mr Major's "extraordinary, effective, elegant and gentle" performance. Similarly, having upset his EC colleagues over the French attitude to the agriculture deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, M. Mitterrand was always going to behave in Edinburgh.

Herr Kohl's backing, de-spite his reservations about the formula for Denmark, came from his understanding that a successful Danish second referendum would pave the way to ratification - almost certainly earlier than expected in Britain. For that he was prepared to stomach a lot. That left Mr Major with the tasks of getting round the Danish problem and the troublesome Señor González Mr Major has been hailed by several colleagues as a summitteer par excellence,



combining charm, mastery of detail and stubbornness.

On his travels round Europe he showed a steely side as well. Meeting Señor González in Madrid Mr Major took a piece of paper, tore it into pieces and let them flutter to the ground. It was show the Spanish leader what he thought of his demands.

At Maastricht only three men were said to be fully on top of their briefs on every item on the agenda: Mr Major, Jacques Delors, the president Margaret Thatcher. of the European Commission. and Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister. Mr Major has perfected a manner of relent-less firmness, unruffled niceness and grasp of the fine print that genuinely impresses those such as Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand.

Another technique essential to a presidency determined not be engulfed by too many quarrels at once is to flush out the extreme demands as early as possible. Mr Major had been advised by officials that he should present his budget compromise as the summit opened. Mr Major decided not to since he wanted to bring Spanish intransigence as far as possible into the open as soon as possible.

Mr Major decided against starting Saturday's session at 10.30am as planned. Instead he kept the others waiting while he conducted head-tohead encounters with the key players, including Señor González, Just as at Maastricht, the entire event hinged on the large frame of Herr Kohl. He takes an avuncular pride in young Mr Major's achievements as being more successful at European Councils than

summit was determined by Herr Kohl's order of priorities - more MEPs for Germany, a gently rising budget, enlargement and the Danish deal. He overruled his more cautious advisers on the legal status of the deal and decided to take the risk that it might unravel.

For Mr Major the deal on Denmark was the key. It came quickly. With at least five leaders preparing to warn that the Danish opt-out plan would require a new treaty ratifica-tion a council of ministers legal expert Jean-Claude Piris - hailed by British officials as the "unsung hero" of the summit - told them flatly that would not in remarkably short time the proposal had been approved - it was now contingent on a deal being

done on everything else, par-ticularly the budget. As the marathon afternoon session got under way Señor González, swiftly losing friends and his ability to influence the outcome, stood firm. Mr Major made his final final offer of 1.27 per cent. and was told by Spain that it was not enough. Senor González had to be told to calm As officials haggled in the background about money Mr Major turned the summit to enlargement. Backed by Herr Kohl he proposed that talks with Austria, Finland and Sweden should open on January I. despite the Lisbon agreement that enlargement should be dependent upon Maastricht ratification. As Senor González started to object Herr Kohl's patience snapped. This is what we are going to do." Word soon came that the Spanish resistance was ready to crumble. Señor González let if be known that if 0.01 per cent was taken off the budget's "contingency reserve" and put into the cohesion fund he would settle. Mr Major had gambled on Señor Gonzalez in the end declining to scupper

Maastricht.
At around 10pm the champagne was at last sipped as the leaders signed an agreement on the siting of Community institutions. When Mr Major walked into the presidency room for the last time at about 10.15pm the officials who had worked day and night on the agreements that enabled Ed-inburgh to be called a success broke into spontaneous

#### **Doubts persist over funding**

# Accord could bring hard times to Brussels

By GEORGE BROCK EUROPEAN EDITOR

THE European Community budget for the 1990s, agreed late on Saturday night by the Edinburgh summit, meets the political requirements of all the EC's leaders. However, it remains unclear whether the money will meet the Community's needs.

Jacques Delors, the president of the Commission, who sparked the budget row last February by presenting a "bill for Maastricht" which turned out to entail a 30 per cent rise in spending, said that he had achieved "85 per cent" of what he had set out to get. But EC officials are questioning whether the limited rises will pay for the extra tasks which estricht will impose on the Community's machinery if the

eaty enters force. Eurocrats face a particularly tough time. While the ECs budget is set to rise by 20 per cent between now and 1999, spending on administration will rise by only 8 per cent. For a thinly-staffed organisation already overstretched by sud-

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denly-imposed new tasks in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, that single figure presages hard times. Felipe González, the Span-

ish prime minister, won a better deal than M Delors. He had wanted symbolically important "cohesion fund" of £12 billion over seven years and saw the figure rise to just over his target. Spain will receive 55 per cent of that money. He had asked for a "doubling" of infrastructure grants known as the "structural funds" and, with a little massaging of the numbers can claim to have achieved most of what he had wanted ....

By the turn of the century. the richer northern states of the EC will be spending £24 % of GOP contributed to EC

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billion pounds a year on the poorest regions of the Community, with the bulk of that money going to the poorest four recipients: Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland.

The politics of cutting this decade's cake differed sharply from the last round of budget wrangles, which were dominated by Margaret Thatcher. Italy, once a net beneficiary from EC funds, is to become a net contributor to the budget. That has wrought wondrous changes in the attitudes of Italy's ministers to budget details. At several stages, their sugestions were less generous than Britain's. Rome has also committed

itself to meeting the stiff "convergence criteria" for monetary union and was foremost among several states which argued that a Community which was urging deficits could not at the same time expect them to divert large sums of public money to Brussels - especially at a time of recession.

During 1992, the EC has adjusted both the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the budget. Throughout both exercises, schemes for fundamental reform of both have remained on the back burner. The domestic political weakness of member governments, bureaucratic inertia and vested financial interests have ensured that the have only been only tinkered with. Next year, the CAP will swallow 50 per cent of the Community's £56 billion budget. The frustrated reformers can claim some small success. In 1999 the CAP will only take 45 per

cent of the money.

Plan for growth: A multibillion pound plan for European economic growth was unveiled by EC finance minis-

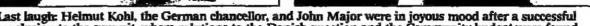
ters yesterday.

The economic initiative, smaller than outlined two months ago, will be aimed at funding capital projects. Minsters predicted that unement in Europe could reach 11 per cent next year.

The agreement clears the

way for a investment fund which is expected to generate up to 18 billion ecus (£14.4 billion) of investment in capi-tal projects and smaller businesses Europe-wide. There will also be a short-term credit facility worth five billion ecus to spend on transport





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☐ Subsidiarity: New procedures. EC acts only when member states cannot achieve

goal as well themselves.

MEPs: Germany will get 18 more members to take unification into account. ☐ Yugoslavia: Leaders piled pressure on Serbia and Bosnian Serbs, condemned the rape of Muslim women in Bosnia, offered Macedonia aid.

□ Russia: Leaders expressed strong support for President Yeltsin's reforms. (Reuter)

# French lift veto on site of institutions

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

European central bank will be in Bonn rose at the weekend when the French veto on the siting of new Community institutions was lifted after Strasbourg was confirmed as the permanent meeting-place of the European parliament's plenary sessions. Germany has put in a strong bid to host the bank

After almost three years of wrangling, the European Community leaders agreed to confirm all the present sites of existing institutions. That means that the parliament, which now has its offices in Brussels but meets for a week each month in plenary session in Strasbourg, will continue to divide its activities between the two cities. Many MEPs had wanted to move permanently to Brussels to save time and

France, in a crude display of political blackmail, held up agreement on any other EC

THE chances that a future body looking for a home until Strasbourg was confirmed. It also objected to Germany's demand for an extra 18 MEPs to represent former East Germany. This enlarge ment has now been agreed.

giving Germany 99 seats and making it the largest national representation at Strasbourg. The summit also confirmed Brussels as the site of the European Commission and the Council of Ministers, and Laxembourg as the home of the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors.

Despite Dutch lobbying, the leaders did not tackle the related question of where to put the EC environment agency, the trade mark office, the future "Enrofed" and other institutions which could generate considerable activity and money in any EC capital.



Last laugh: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and John Major were in joyous mood after a successful conclusion to the summit, where solutions to the Danish question and the Community budget were found

# Attacks on foreigners deplored

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Anatol Lieven in Bonn

RACISM and xenophobía in Europe would be opposed with renewed vigour", the Edinburgh summit said. Against a background of attacks on foreigners in many European Community countries, the leaders promised to protect all immigrants from racist attacks and to implement fully their policies for

integrating legal immigrants.
The summit expressed deep concern over aggression against foreign immigrants. and deplored the fact that such acts marred the greater unity of the Continent. The declara-

tion was clearly directed most specifically at Germany. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, had also wanted his EC partners to make a specific commitment to share the refugee burden with

Germany, but while he may have lobbied them in private. he obtained no such assurance. The reference to integrating legal immigrants and condemning acts of aggression against foreigners may, however, help Herr Kohl in

RACISM

his attempt to after the constitution to limit the flow of asylum-seekers. In Germany protests over the rise of neo-Nazism and

racism continued. In Frankfurt yesterday more than 100,000 people attended a pop concert against racism. At football matches all over Germany on Saturday, players carried placards denouncing racism. Violence also

continued, with far rightwing skinheads attacking a left-wing club in Rostock.

Yesterday evening, more than 250,000 people took part in a candlelit protest march against racism in Hamburg. One of the organisers called it 'a sign by the silent majority". A deputy from the conserva-

tive Christian Social Union gave a warning against the activities of German neo-Nazis in Silesia, a former German province that has been part of Poland since 1945. Hartmut Koschik called for rapid German-Polish co-operation to stop them. However, in words that will not be welcome to the Poles, be said that the talks should include a special cultural and linguistic status for the German minority in Silesia.

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# Athens and Skopje claim partial victory on recognition

By Tim Judah in skopje and Michael Binyon

AFTER long and acrimonious argument, the summit leaders sidestepped the divisive question of recognising Macedonia, issuing only a brief and carefully worded statement that allowed both Greece and Macedonia to claim partial victory.

The leaders said only that the council "examined its policy on recognition", and specifically did not reaffirm the Lisbon declaration that bound them not to recognise the former Yugoslav republic under any name that included the word Macedonia. However, they made no move to recognise the Skopje government, and promised only that their foreign ministers would "remain seized of

this question". The summit promised Macedonia 50 million ecus (£40 million) in humanitarian and technical aid earmarked by the European Commission. Member states will provide a matching amount from their own resources. They also said the republic should not bear the unintended consequences of United Nations sanctions against Serbia, and underlined the importance of giving Macedonia access to

nancial institutions and a regular and properly monitored supply of oil. This was a clear warning to

funds from international fi-

Greece that it should lift any remaining barriers to crossborder trade, and should not interfere in the vital flow of oil north. The other 11 will now lobby for Macedonia's early membership of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Constantine Mitsotakis,

the Greek prime minister whose political life depended on the outcome of the argument, immediately welcomed the statement as a triumph for Community solidarity and a vindication of his country's vigorous fight against recognition, including the mass demonstration in Athens last week.

"The pessimists have been proved wrong," he said. There was no challenge to the Lisbon declaration." His victory, which he

needs to play up for domestic opinion, may be short-lived. The EC decision not to reaffirm the Lisbon declaration barring recognition of Macedonia leaves member states free to vote whichever way they like when Macedonia takes its quest for recognition to the UN and to the Stockholm meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe later this week.

Greece had wanted a guarantee from the three EC members of the security council - Britain, France and Belgium - that they would veto any move by the UN to admit Macedonia, but it obtained no such pledge. A mood of discreet satisfaction reigned in Skopje yesterday that a year of patient diplo-

Mitsotakis triumph

macy had begun to pay off. Macedonia is now on a diplomatic offensive and observers in Skopje say that Edinburgh marks the beginning of the end for Greek

We are very disappointed; we showed our good will and we got nothing," said Risto Nikovski, the deputy foreign minister. But privately officials believe that there is a good chance that they will be admitted to the UN by the end of the year. ☐ Liechtenstein: Liechtenstein yesterday voted "yes" to

joining the European Eco-nomic Area. The vote was won by 55.81 per cent in an 87 per cent turnout. Switzerland voted "no" last week in a similar referendum (AFP)

# Indonesia quake toll rises to 1,200 as waves engulf island

RESCUERS dug through devastated villages searching for survivors and victims yes terday as the death toll from the earthquake that struck astern Indonesia reached

Hundreds more were injured. Many people drowned or were swept away when large waves triggered by the tremor inundated coastal areas on the island of Flores. Many of the 70,000 residents of Maumere, 19 miles from the epicentre in the sea, had fled into the fields after the earthquake hit the town, located on a bay, on Saturday.

Most people remained away from their homes to avoid falling beams and spent Saturday night outside in open areas without tents in a tropi-cal rainstorm. The earthquake destroyed government build-ings, schools, mosques, churches and shops in Maumere and Larantuka on the eastern part of the island. Most of the buildings on the island are single-storey struc-tures made of wood and brick.

The island is a poor, mountainous area which exports copra, and grows maize and

was one of the worst earthquakes of the century, and last night officials appealed for help to fight disease vors. Hendrikus Fernandez. the governor of East Nusa Tenggara province, said two ships with emergency supplies had been sent to Flores from Kupang on the neighbouring island of Timor. Parts of Flores were devas

tated by the earthquake which measured 6.8 on the Richter scale, Mr Fernandez said. He said that Maumere bore the brunt of its fury. About 1,000 of the dead were in Maumere and survivors needed meditents to protect them from the rains. He said that the rainy season made conditions more toll will go higher," a spokes-man for the East Nusa

Yeltsin wins time in deal to freeze balance of power

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin emerged battered but temporarily bolstered from a weekend of frenetic deal-making, aimed at calming Russia's political and constitutional crisis with an agreement that freezes the balance of power between president and parliament.

Mr Yeltsin and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the conservative chairman of the Congress of People's Deputies, agreed a nine-point compromise package on Saturday providing for an April referendum to decide the rudiments of a new constitution. The step temporarily resolves the constitutional uncertainty that has dogged Mr Yeltsin's reform programme

Although the text will be ment, drawn largely from conservatives in Congress, it must be approved by both the president and the constitutional court before it is put before the people. If they fail to agree, there will be a referendum on competing proposals to decide the respective powers of president and parliament.

Thousands of pro-reformists gathered at a rally in Gorky Park to hail the compromise as a victory. Speakers at the rally said they would seek support in the referendum for a strong executive presidency and the confirmation of key reform principles. including the right to private ownership of land.

The agreement also allows Mr Yeltsin to renominate Yegor Gaidar for prime minister today alongside other candidates nominated by parliament. It also states that parliament will not consider



any laws that change the balance of power between the legislature and the executive before the referendum.

In return. Mr Yeltsin dropped his call for a referendum on permanently dissolv-ing Congress and his appeal to the people to choose be-tween his leadership and the power of the legislature was expunged from the record. However, he refused to withdraw the harsh remarks he made about Congress repre-senting vulgarity, reaction and "the sick ambitions of failed

Mr Khasbulatov disingenuously claimed that he had been guided by "what suits our country, our society, our people" in agreeing to the is infallibly guided by what suits himself.

The emergence of any compromise at all is remarkable given Mr Yeltsin's limited room for manoeuvre. He has managed to protect his personal powers and the reform programme until April when he hopes that the economic conditions in the country will

have improved. Quite why Mr Khasbulatov should have called off his hounds when the president seemed to be on the run is unexplained. The key may lie in the security council meeting which Mr Yeltsin convened before the talks began. Two of the council members, Yuri Skokov, the chairman, and Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, were on Mr Yeltsin's negotiating team, suggesting that he has assured himself of the support of the military and the interior ministry troops in time to cow Mr Khasbulatov

On the minus side, the president was forced to sacrifice once and for all Gennadi Burbulis, his closest aide and political associate from his days as first secretary in Yekaterinburg, in order to achieve the compromise. The Congress also keeps the right of veto on appointments to four key ministries - a significant factor in future power struggles — which it won last week, making it unlikely that Andrei Kozyrev, the liberal

foreign minister, will survive

Officials said 1,226 bodies have been recovered.

Hendrik Nai, a spokesman for the rescue team, said about 80 per cent of the buildings in Maumere were destroyed Whole villages in coastal areas were wiped out by the seismic waves, he said. The waves, as 80 ft and swept as far as 1,000 feet inland, he said.

Mr Nai said that bad communications were hampering the task of gathering information from some parts of the island, which is 1,000 miles east of Jakarta, the capital. Aftershocks which occurred about every five minutes ham-

pered rescue work, he said. Herman Gadidjou, a senior aide to the governor, said that many fishermen and others went missing after the tidal waves hit the coast. "I think this is a national disaster and we are appealing for help from Jakarta," Mr Gadidjou said. He said medicines and doctors were needed urgently.

Flores is a tourist attraction famed for its coral and colourful religious festivals. It was not immediately known if any foreigners were among the

Britain

urged to

enforce

Bosnia ban

By MICHAEL EVANS,

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is to come under

pressure this week from Amer-

ica and France to support

military action against the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina by enforcing the "no-fly" zone with jet fighters authorised to

shoot down Serbian helicop-

A decision to use force to stop military flights by the Serbs will be the first step

towards a possible escalation in the West's military response

to continued Serbian aggres-sion in Bosnia. It will also

drag America more directly

into the war, as enforcement of

the air exclusion zone will

depend on American carrier-

Commanders of the Serbi-

an, Muslim and Croatian

another ceaselire agreement

yesterday at a meeting in

Sarajevo with Major General

Philippe Morillon, the French

commander of the United

Nations protection forces.

They also agreed in principle to open three corriders for the

safe passage of civilians out of

In Brussels last week Mal-

colm Rifkind, the defence

secretary, made it clear to his

Nato counterparts that he was

against enforcement of the

'no-fly" zone because of the

potential danger to UN troops

escorting humanitarian relief

convoys. His caution is likely

to be overwhelmed by the

rising clamour for tougher

This will be a crucial week in

the present discussions on

Bosnia, with three high-level

meetings to be held in Stock-

holm, Geneva and Brussels. Douglas Hurd, the foreign

secretary, who will be attend-

ing all three meetings, appears ready to agree a firmer line

If a tougher mandate is

approved by the UN Security Council, the American aircraft

carrier, USS John F. Kennedy, currently in the eastern Medi-

terranean and equipped with FA18s and F14s, is likely to be

called on to mount combat air

patrols over Bosnia. Britain

could be asked to contribute

aircraft to enforce the "no-fly"

zone. RAF Tornados or Jag-uars could be based in south-

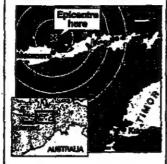
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based fighters.

Indonesia is along the Pacific Ocean's volcanic "rim of fire" and is hit by many strong tremors every year. A series of tremors hit eastern parts last year, killing at least 22 people and causing extensive damage to properly. The last big earthquake to strike the country was also in the cost. try was also in the east, in Irian Jaya in 1989. That earthquake, which measured 5.6 on the Richter scale, triggered landslides that killed 97



people. According to a meteo-rological official, the earthwas the twelfth powerful earthquake to rock East Nusa Tenggara province since 1896.

earthquake devastated Tang-shan in China on July 28, 1976. A 7.8 tremor lasting 23 seconds destroyed 90 per cent of the buildings in the city centre and destroyed hundreds of square miles beyond. At least 250,000 were killed. Nearly 23,000 died in an

earthquake and mudslides in Guatemala City on February 4, 1976. The earthquake measured 7.5 and left a 200-milelong fissure eight feet wide and ten feet deep. An earthquake measuring 5.5 de-stroyed villages over 100 squaremiles in the Karakoram mountains in Pakistan on December 28, 1974, killing 5,200 and injuring more than

About 70,000 were killed and 600,000 made homeless in Yungay, Peru, on May 31, 1970, by an earthquake and ensuing avalanche that buried the resort city. On September 1, 1923, an earthquake struck Tokyo and Yokahama foilowed by flooding. At least 300,000 were killed. On October 20, 1991, an earthquake killed 1,600 and injured at least 2,000 in Uttarkashi,

A tremor killed at le 2,000 and injured 3,500 people on July 16 1990 in Baguio, Philippines. An estimated 148,000 were displaced. On June 21, 1990. Iran's worst recorded earthquake devastated the Caspian regions of Gilan and Zanjan, killing 50,000 and injuring 100,000. (Reuter)

# Clinton's Arkansas friend given key White House job

Water way: vehicles trying to negotiate streets in Winthrop, Massachusetts, after the most savage winter storms in 40 years hit the eastern seaboard of America, causing widespread flooding. At least 15 deaths have been blamed on the storms

BILL Clinton, the American president-elect, has turned to a childhood friend who has been involved in the Democrat party at state level but is not a political animal, to fill the key post of White House chief of staff.

In appointing Thomas "Mack" McLarty, a millionaire and chairman of an Arkansas natural gas con-glomerate, as chief of staff, a post that in the past has been filled by politically ambitious figures or ideological warriors, Mr Clinton has indicated his intention that the White House will not be the preserve of any one faction. He clearly hopes that Mr McLarty will act as an almost apolitical referee who can reconcile competing factions within the dministration and fit in with his own exhaustively consulta-

tive mode of decision-making. ment on Saturday in Little Rock. Mr Clinton said he wanted an "honest broker" as chief of staff who would make sure he was kept fully informed. Clinton staff described Mr McLarty, who went to the same kindergarten as the president-elect in Hope. Arkansas, as a "man with no agenda but Bill's agenda". When reporters asked Mr McLarty, 46, what views he held on balancing the needs of gas extraction with environmental concerns, he replied that policy-making was no

concern of a chief of staff. The appointment of Mr McLarty, a Washington out-sider, was in marked contrast to the selection on Saturday of Ron Brown, the chairman of the Democrat National Com-Mr Brown, a Washington insider par excellence, has been charged with turning the commerce department, normally a second-tier ministry, into "a powerhouse" promoting American business. In appointing Mr Brown, the first black to be named to the cabinet, the president-elect paid off a polit-ical debt — the Democrat chairman played a key role in Mr Clinton's campaign — and also went some way in deliver-

racially diverse cabinet.

Mr Brown's past as a law yer-lobbyist in a Washington law firm could prove embarrassing when the Senate comes to confirm his appointment. Jean-Claude "Baby

ing on his pledge to have a

☐ By choosing a friend rather than a political insider. Clinton is moulding the administration in his own image

Doc" Duvalier, the ousted dictator of Haiti, was one of his clients. He has also acted for Japanese electronic firms. Born in Harlem, Mr Brown has liberal roots: he has strong links with Senator Edward Kennedy and Mario Cuomo,

the governor of New York and a bete noire for conservatives, and acted as the Rev Jesse Jackson's campaign manager during the civil rights leader's 1988 presidential bid. But Mr Brown did not follow the path traditionally taken by aspiring black politicians. He was not prominent in the civil rights movement and has followed a the greasy pole, serving at one time as the chief counsel to the Senate judiciary committee

In 1989 Mr Brown told The Washington Post: "America. happens to be a majority white country and if you are going to play a significant role as a political leader in the broad sense, obviously you've got to attract votes, support, confidence and the esteem of the majority population."

Announcing Mr McLarty's appointment, the presidentelect was close to tears and the two men hugged. They were inseparable childhood friends in Hope, where Mr McLarty's father ran the local Ford dealership and Mr Clinton's

able Buick dealership. Later, they were budding politicians together. Mr McLarty was elected at the age of 23 to the state congress and was chairman for a time of the Democrat party in Arkansas.

Michael Beschloss, a historian, said the president-elect's appointment of a childhood friend as chief of staff suggested "that this person will have a great deal of power, because of his unique relationship with

Mr McLarty brushed off suggestions that his lack of Washington experience would be a handicap. "I am not a Washington insider ... But through my experience as a citizen, as a businessman, as a former state legislator, and as a former state party chairman, I know Washington well and I know how to make organisations work," he said.

Dee Dee Myers. Mr Clinton's press spokeswoman, will say he doesn't have enough experience to deal in the shark tank. But they're underestimating him. He's like a lot of these Arkansans: dumb like a fox."

Yesterday, as Clinton aides prepared for a two-day economic conference in Little Rock to be attended by more than 300 academics, businessmen and politicians, the president-elect's new economic team made clear that tax cuts for the middle class, a campaign pledge, would not be a top priority for the incoming administration. Clinton aides

now say that cutting the huge federal budget deficit must come first.

Childhood chums: Clinton hugs Thomas McLarty, an apolitical figure named chief of staff

#### De Klerk will push reforms

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Johannesburg: President de Klerk of South Africa said vesterday that he was prepared to push ahead with his initiative if talks with other political groups do not advance (Ray Kennedy writes).

Reflecting on a year of tumult and disappointment, he said: "There is no turning ; back and there is a primary responsibility on the govern-ment to ensure that delays do not favour radical groups. However, Mr de Klerk said

he was hopeful that a constitutional settlement, economic recovery and a sharp reduc-tion in violence were attainable next year.

#### Afghan polls are in doubt

dent's term of office expires to morrow with doubt over who his successor will be and how he will be chosen. Four candidates, including the incum-bent President Rabbani, are

contesting the post.

A presidential spokesman said President Rabbani would only surrender power to a grand convocation of the ... Shura, or council, which is due to meet in Kabul today.

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#### Talks blocked

Buenos Aires: Argentine offi-cials claimed a "diplomatic victory" after talks over fishing in the South Atlantic ended in an impasse. Argentina reject-ed British attempts to regulate its fishing licences to protect the Falkland Islands's fishing industry.

#### Cocaine catch

Madrid: The second in command of the Civil Guard's anti-drug squad was arrested for allegedly using cocaine to pay off informants on drug shipments, according to El Pais newspaper. The unit's head was suspended as a precautionary measure. (AP)

#### Tribe attacked

Nairobi: Sudanese tribal raiders killed 89 Kenyan nomads. at Kokuro in the remote northwest of Kenya before making off with their livestock. The raiders were armed with sophisticated firearms and other weapons, police said. (Reuter)

Indian violence dies down

# Ayodhya mosque to be rebuilt

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Indian government andemolished Babri mosque, nonnced yesterday that it will supposedly the birthplace of

start building a new mosque the Hindu god, Ram. in Ayodhya within 12 months To move them would into replace the one torn down by Hindu zealots eight days cense Hindus; to leave them will further insult Muslims. ago. Hindu extremists said One scheme believed to be last night that they will knock the new one down, too.

Sharad Pawar, the defence

minister, told a press confer-

ence in Bombay that a Hindu

temple would also be built.
The exact site of the buildings had not yet been decided. He

avoided answering questions about the fate of Hindu idols

that have been placed in a new shrine on the site of the

under study is for a mosque and a temple to adjoin each other on the same site, so that both sides can be seen to win. The temple would be built around the idols without disturbing them.

Violence in the wake of the destruction of the mosque has largely ended, leaving 1,150 dead and perhaps 5,000 injured. The government is

summoning heads of diplomatic missions to briefings in Delhi to reassure them that the violent events of the past eight days have neither marked a lurch towards religious fundamentalism nor any worsening of Hindu-Muslim confrontation.

At least 500 people were arrested in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where Ayodhya is situated, over the weekend in a crackdown on members of five sectarian organisations - three Hindu. two Muslim - banned by the government last week. Their



# Lombardy League tops poll

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN VARESE

THE devolutionists of the Lombardy League are poised to prove themselves in office in northern Italy for the first time after apparent success in local elections.

Opinion polls suggested that the federalist movement would win at least 40 per cent of the vote in Varese, the capital of the province where Umberto Bossi, the league's leader, was born, and at the nearby town of Monza. Voting for 55 local governments and one provincial council began yesterday and finishes this afternoon. Signor Bossi hopes the

prosperous burghers of Va-

45 per cent of the vote, enabling the league to form a municipal government on its Socialists, Christian Demoown. The league has won resounding victories in the past in the cities of Brescia and Mantua but the mainstream parties refused to join a coalition, blocking them from power. Now league strategists hope for a chance to disprove their critics who claim that they lack high-calibre politicians. Corriere della Sera called yesterday's vote "a day of fear" for the parties in the government of Giuliano Amato, the prime minister.

rese will give him as much as The Milan newspaper said the polls could destabilise the fragile Rome coalition of crats, Liberals and Social Democrats, who have lost credibility because of their involvement in corruption scandals. In Varese province 40 local politicians have been charged with taking bribes in return for issuing public works contracts.

League leaders deny that they are racist or want to break up Italy. But this month Gianfranco Miglio. the main league theorist, suggested that Sicily would do well to secode.

everything else is just water.

# **US Marines** braced for reprisals from Somali rebels

By Jamie Deitmer in Washington AND Our Foreign Staff

extended their reach into the

famished interior by securing

the Bali Dogle airstrip, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the

UN secretary-general, once again argued that American forces should remain until all

rival Somali militias are dis-

armed, a risky operation that

could take several months and

sent to President Bush detail-

ing the understanding he thought the UN and the Bush administration had reached on the American role: Accord-

ing to Dr Boutros Ghali, the

commitment to disarm the

militias was not included in the UN Security Council vote authorising the armed relief effort, because of a request by

the Americans, but was agreed

privately by the White House. Stopping short of accusing the

Americans of going back on their word, the secretary-gen-eral appeared worried that the

Bush administration is having

second thoughts about its role. Apparent American nervousness about being pulled in deeper may have been in-

creased by the exchange of gunfire on Saturday between

two marine helicopters and three "technicals", the armed Jeeps favoured by Somali gun-men. The Marine Corps heli-

copters, both AH! Cobras, were fired on after they had

stumbled across a fortified

compound on the road to Bali

Dogle containing several old Soviet T54 and American-

made M48 tanks. Captain Paul Denning, a British of-ficer on exchange with the US Marines, said that he saw one

technical open up with bursts of automatic gunfire. "I was

looking at a muzzle shooting at me," he said. The Cobras

made short work of the three

technicals after receiving or-

Aid workers greeted the American seizure of the air-

strip with relief yesterday.

helicopters secured the strip, halfway between the capital

and Baidoa, one of the worst famine-struck towns.

At Mogadishu port, the UN

brought in its first relief ship

since gummen shelled a vesse

that tried to dock last month.

The Danish-registered Sea Pearl was carrying 3,000

tonnes of wheat given by the European Community. To-day is the first visible sign there is no more insecurity and

we can start bringing in relief vessels regularly." Paul Mitch-

ell, spokesman for the World

Food Programme, said.

ders to attack.

Dr Boutros Ghali said that he plans to release a letter he

involve American casualties.

AMERICAN marines landed in the interior of starving Somalia for the first time yesterday while a United Nations food ship packed with grain docked in Mogadishu. the capital.

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Marines in 12 helicopters flew to Bali Dogle airfield. about 100 miles west of the capital. Lieutenant Colonel Frewd Peck said that the 230 marines had taken food supplies to Bali Dogle after re-ports that numerous Somalis had gathered there to hand in their weapons.

American helicopter gunships destroyed three armed Somali vehicles killing at least one gunman late on Saturday in the most serious clash between American forces and Somali irregulars. As US Ma-rines braced themselves yester-day for possible reprisals and

# **Tourists** in Egypt

tourists in Cairo after a gov-

We urge foreigners, Muswarned tourists away from Upper Egypt before launching terrorist attacks in October in

A spokesman for President Mubarak said that the campaign against tourism had broke the camel's back" and had prompted the clampdown in which 14,000 troops and police have been sent into the Islamic stronghold of Imbaba. This phenomenon is being mished," the spokesman said. Egypt, like other countries in

extremism and terrorism. It Since tourism, Egypt's main breign currency earner, was tergeted, bookings have fallen by 40 per cent and losses are tut at \$1.5 billion (£960 raillion). Nile cruisers are being guarded by helicopters.

#### Politics and pomp win Miss World stakes

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN SUN CITY BOPEUTHATSWANA

THERE were 80 losers in the Miss World competition here at the weekend, all young and lovely, but there were also a number of winners not all young and some not lovely. In addition, there were a number of political messages.

The ostensible winner was Miss Russia. Julia Kurotchinka, 18, from Moscow, wants to use her prize money to help the world's children. to help the wond's condition.

She is an only child, with no steady boy friend and was studying to be a bank clerk until this week. Now she wants to travel: "The situation is not good in Russia, as you know." Five years ago an official Russian entry would have been unthinkable. She alone, of all the Miss Worlds in the 42-year history of the competition, did not cry. "I

was much too happy to cry."
Miss United Kingdom's
mother, Ann Smith, 48, from
Chester, cried when her
daughter, Claire, challenged by Ivana Trump, a judge, to name her role model paid a tribute to her mother. Claire Smith did not cry either. She



Winning form: Miss Russia joining Sol Kerzner in a champagne toast after she was crowned Miss World

was robbed of the title, which in the media centre was reckoned to be hers, by one

The real winner though was

Sol Kerzner, the millionaire

hotelier, for whom the pag-eant was the last event in a fortnight's celebration of the opening of his latest venture, the Palace of the Lost City at Sun City. Another big winner

was Lucas Mangope, the president of Bophuthatswana. The weekend's events and the focus of the international media on them has forced

international eye. However, Amy Kleinhans, Miss South Africa, a Coloured, decided not to march with the South African flag in the opening

## **Palestinian** group holds Israeli policeman

FROM BEN LYNFIELD. IN JERUSALEM

MUSLIM fundamentalist gunmen kidnapped an Israeli paramilitary policeman near Tel Aviv yesterday, threaten-ing to kill him unless Israel released the jailed leader of the

Hamas movement. An army spokesman confirmed that Master Sergeant Nissim Toledano, of the border police, was missing and that they suspected that he had

been kidnapped.

The demand for the release of Shaikh Ahmed Yassin. founder of Hamas, a Palestinian group that opposes peace talks with Israel, was made in a letter delivered to the Red Cross in the West Bank town of Al-Birch. Yassin is serving a life sentence for planning the kidnap and murder of two soldiers.

During a weekend of violence in the occupied territo-ries, an Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded in Hebron, when Palestinians raked an army Jeep with gunfire on Saturday. Hamas claimed responsibility. In clashes in the Gaza Strip, two Palestinians were killed and more than 100 injured.

# threatened

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAURO

ISLAMIC extremists have issued their first warning to ernment crackdown in the capital in which more than 600 suspects have been arrested since last week.

lims and non-Muslims to be cautious because we will proceed in defending ourselves through all the available legitimate means," said Gama'a al-Islamiya, the group that which one Briton died.

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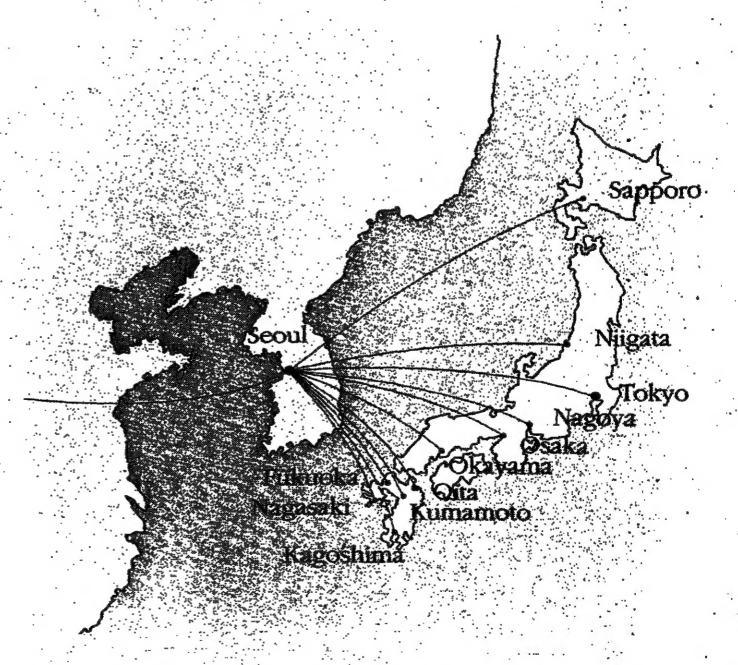
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Linda Grant and Sharon Gless, aka Cagney, consider tough women on TV and why there aren't more of them

# Minor role for the majority



Strong stuff: Helen Mirren returns tomorrow in Prime Suspect 2

hen Cagney and Lacey first appeared on American television in 1982, the two female cops were dismissed by that country's TV Guide as a pair of dykes. The series foundered and Sharon Gless was brought in to replace an actress who had been described as "too butch" in the role of Christine Cagney. So then TV Guide accused Ms Gless of being

"One critic said I was from the Copacabana School of Acting. He called me kittenish, and kittenish I'm not," Ms Gless says. "So I'd love to tell you the United States is way ahead of Britain when it comes to

DCI Tennison's negotiation of her
women's advancement. There

ambition and vulnerability — a

seemed a whole lot of anger about this project - and al-'I've had the ways from men. I asked Tyne [Daley, opportunity to who played Mary Beth Lacey What's play probably the problem with this show? And her the most A fear by men of two women workfascinating ing together. It made them think: 'I woman on don't believe a woman could do television' this job.' But they can and they do."

It is ten years since the launch of Cagney and Lacey, the cop show which portrayed two feisty, working-class women with all the problems that come with middle years - menopause, a difficult marriage, the loneliness of the single woman, alcoholism, men who ale colleagues. It Alexis Carrington of Dynasty was the imaginary heroine of the Trump years, every woman's fantasy of agelessness, designer clothes, penthouses and a young stud in bed, Cagney and Lacey was the ironic counterpoint to all that glitz.

"In retrospect I'm very proud of Christine Cagney I've had the opportunity to play probably the most fascinating woman portrayed in television." Ms Gless says in her dressing room at the Criterion Theatre, in London's West End, where she has just opened as Annie Wilkes, the psychotic nurse in a stage version of Misery.

Tomorrow the television series Prime Suspect 2 begins on ITV (9pm). As in the Bafta-winning first series it stars Helen Mirren as Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison, struggling to prove herself in a male-dominated workplace. The originator of the series, Lynda La Plante, is one of the few writers working in British television pre-pared to create strong roles for

women. Since the 1950s, the British police series has been almost as single-sex as the Garrick Club. Dixon of Dock Green, Z Cars and Softly Softly, The Sweeney, Inspector Morse, Taggart, A Touch of Frost— all portrayed women as only fit to comfort the bereaved, as if female PCs were no more than social

Prime Suspect stunned audiences. not only because it showed a woman doing what had been thought of as a man's job, but with all the attendant personal difficulties that can accompany career success for women. Ms La Plante's triumph was to portray

> juggling act that for women is an every-day dilemma. But if Prime Suspect pro-vided a television · role model, it was only because series such as Juliet Bravo and Cagney and Lacey had gone before.

Ms Daly has argued that the first American television programme to show women in strong active roles was Charlie's Angels, in the early 1970s. But the series

which jumpstarted the career of Farrah Fawcett was only marginally removed from a *Playbay* fantasy of big-haired, lip-glossed lovelies vaulting walls and revealing an eyeful of thigh. Ms Gless also disagrees with ner tormer co-stal talking about Thelma and Louise being the first buddy movie for women, and I always say, 'Excuse me, how about seven years of Cagney and Lacey?' Barney [Rosenzweig, the creator of Cagney and Lacey and, since last year, Ms Gless's husbandl says that in a fairer world, it would have taken place in a post office. He only picked the police because they would have had a case to work on every week. But it's not about the police force, it's about two women and their feelings and their reaction

to the lives they have to live. "Dynasty and Dallas are soaps, And I never thought that the women in LA Law were written strong enough. The fact that Type and I won the Emmy every year for six years - she won it four times. I won it twice - isn't solely because we were the best actresses, but also because we

had the best parts for women." Fifty years ago, the cinema was full of wonderful roles for women. Actresses like Bette Davis, Katharine Hepburn and Joan Crawford por-



Real women doing a real job: (left) Tyne Daley as Mary Beth Lacey and Sharon Gless as Christine Cagney.

traved, well into middle-age, the new, enfranchised woman created by the first world war and its aftermath. But since the 1960s, cinema and telegirl. Cagney and Lacey was one of the first sightings of older vision has been fixated on the young sightings of older working

ut if Ms Gless seems to have marked out this territory for herself, she is still as insecure as any other member of her profession: "They are writing fewer roles for women my age," she says. "The Glenn Closes and Jessica Langes are going to television now because there are no parts for them. If the big movie stars are available, the television industry is obviously going

to take them." Few women are in positions of power in the entertainment business: We have no female executives in the networks - the presidents and vicepresidents are all men. There are no women who are in decision-making positions, and until that changes the

shows are not going to change." Even Cagney and Lacey and Ms Gless's latest series, The Trials of Rosie O'Neill, about a recently divorced lawyer, were created by a man - Mr Rosenzweig, who is best known for his championing of "mi-norities" — blacks, Hispanics and, ironically, women (who are not, of

course, a minority).

But the recent election as president of Bill Clinton may, she believes, shake up the industry: "I think Bill and Hillary Clinton are going to be wonderful for our country," Ms Gless Lady who works - and that's what most women in our country do today. Families in America need two

incomes." When David Bailey took Helen Mirren's photographs for Prime Suspect, he hated the hardness of her look the short hair, the absence of make-up. "He loves women with lots of hair -- men find it very sexual," Ms Mirren has said. Male expectations about women's attractiveness on screen intensify the difficulties of actresses prepared to take on realistic

To play Annie Wilkes, for example, Ms Gless had to gain 30 pounds and dye her hair light brown. "When I finish playing Annie what am I going to do with this body?" she says. "I want to portray real women who think and feel, and not all women are thin. I want to play women who are far. But do I have to lose the weight to work again? Yes, I probably do.

There's a part of me that says, 'It works for Kathy Bates', jwho won an Oscar for the role Ms Gless plays in

Misery], but I've been told even she's a size ten now."

Her marriage, at the age of 48, is her first. Coming from a long line of divorcees, she had few images of a happy romantic partnership. She never planned to marry and became lmost arrogant" about the succe of her single status, which she found hard to relinquish. She would like her next project to be a romantic comedy about an older woman looking for a man who thinks she's beautiful because of what she is inside.

"I would do it if I could find someone to write it," she says. "The truth is women my age are not unattractive. Why the hell do we want to look like a 20-year-old? It isn't bad to look like a 20-year-old but there's nothing going on between the ears.

"I want to perform parts that let women know how beautiful they are at 45, 50. Barney thinks that women my age are very sexy. And I really want to believe that I think I'm just getting it right. Especially when I think of all that faking I did in my early years.
"I always used to think how

pathetic it was that older women could be with younger men, but I understand now how younger men find older women very sexy - and I can see how that could be a witt-win

# Go forty, and multiply

others are getting older. Rather case (did I re-book the reindeer suit? Will the angel Gabriel's trumpet enrage the live sheep in the nativity play?), but never mind that. This is a matter of demographics.
The Office of Population

Censuses and Surveys reveals that the proportion of women having first babies in their late thirties has risen by 76 per cent in ten years. It is still, mind you, only 5.8 per thousand — nothing to provoke the Motherhood Police into a baton-charge - but the trend is for later babies. "Career women", we hear, are putting their wombs into set-aside until well stricken in years like Elisabeth the wife of Zacharias (sorry, nativity play again). Then they bring forth late blossoms and — Luke i. 45-58 - call them-

Well, not all the neighbours. Some prefer to purse their lips. Among them, according to the Daily Mail, is Dr Adrian Rogers of the Conservative Christian Fellowship, who finds little to rejoice about in agestricken mothers.

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"Women", he "seem to have fallen victim to the propagan-da that they have not fulfilled themselves unless they are out in the big world forging a career ... women who have child-ren in their late thirties and forties are going to find that they are sad-dled with great financial burdens when they would normally have spare cash and time to enjoy it."
Goodness, he is

so right! Elisabeth the wife of Zacharias was clearly a mug. Fancy crying out that Yea, the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her (Luke 1: 58) Daft woman. She clearly did not realise that young John the Baptist would be a serious financial burden just when she could have been spending her spare cash on a new fitted kitchen. Did no prototype Dr Rogers tell her that "the is 25 to 26"?

Mind you, that is a pretty tricky window to hit. One minute you're 25 and ready to go, then you get it wrong in the first month, forget the next ovulation because some fool trod on the fertility thermometer, and spend six weeks hunting for your Miniam Stoppard Pop-up Conception Calendar.

You then muff your next three chances owing to a headache, a bout of gippy turning and the Frankfurt Book Fair, and before you know it you're 26 and past your peak. Pathetic woman! Barren fig tree! Euthanasia would be kinder, really.

This is assuming that the father of your child is on station in the first place. Should you fail to annex a suitable chap before you turn 30 (or indeed 40). Conservative Christian eye-

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brows will rise. If you have trouble conceiving, you can either deliver a running visits until friends scatter, or keep quiet and let them think you have secretly memorised Lady Macbeth's "Unsex me here!" speech and settled for the fast lane. I spent eight months in this state when I worked on the Today radio programme dawn shift. Whenever I took my temperature it was 4am and I appeared to be clini-cally dead. The mercury never flickered. During this period a profile-writer said. 'A dedicated BBC woman, she has never had children". I was 31.

It will not do. Leaving aside recent barmy medical experiments you know with elderly it you're women and donor eggs, normal late babies are part of the rich past your man life. Of course there are drawbacks in hav-**Pathetic** ing a first child at 40 (your bedtimes woman! converge so fast). but there are advantages too. Like patience, and a way with uppity doctors, and that philosophical

turn of mind that only comes from 20 years of swings and roundabouts at work. For childbirth, no age is ideal and no age

disastrous. Disaster starts. whether you are 17 or 40, precisely at the moment when some prodnose undermines you with an image of the "ideal family". There is no such thing. I have researched this at several hundred kitchen taldies and otter you tw happy families to try for size. one mothered by Victoria Gillick (ten children, high moral tone, high spirits) another by Avital Sharansky, the wife of the imprisoned dissident, who won him back just in time to bear his child and call herself blessed.

And do you know what? even know some kind brave, loved and loving spirits who have - gasp! - no children at all! So come on, Conservative Christian Fellows. Hang loose. Grin at a baby today, even if its mother looks wrong to you. Life is crooked and asyrrmetrical and spoils your pretty patterns, but it is nearly Christmas. So, in the words of W.H. Auden (who wasted a few fertile years himself) just love youcrooked neighbour, with al

# Bustiers, basques and big money

The weeks before Christmas are the peak shopping time for lingerie and naughty knick-knacks. Tonight around Britain there will probably be some seven hundred and fifty Anne Summers parties, with more in The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Jersey and

Why Anne Summers' women's underwear and "novelties" are recession-proof

and '70s for its sex shops and draughty underwear, the company has spruced up its act, taken some research soundings and turned itself into the

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of underwear and what are coyly termed "novelties" through privately held parties have increased by 43 per cent this year alone, and now account for 94 per cent of the organisation's business. With an expected turnover this year of £50 million, the Anne Summers party plan is one of the recession's big success

The Anne Summers party catalogue was set up ten years ago, offering women what they wouldn't be seen dead walking into a shop to buy. Nylon glamour lingerie, and naughty accessories very quickly established a distinc-tive Anne Summers niche in the market. Over the last few years, the lingerie range has been expanded to include a wider choice of fabrics and styles, and to include some pastel alternatives to the original red and black.

Jacqueline Gold, the managing director of the party plan operation, puts its recent growth down to this broadening of the range, coupled with the fact that women themselves are increasingly confident about their sexuality. "Women are becoming more adventurous, and the lingerie

they choose reflects that A renewed interest among designers in underwear as a fashion item has also been a crucial factor in bringing the Anne Summers range in from

night in Weston-super-Mare.

Rachel is giving a party. Her

mother has come along with

her two nieces for a night out

without the men. "I work in a

pub, and there are always all

these men sitting around mak-

ing jokes about women. At

least when they're out of the

way you have the chance to get

your own back." She once

bought her husband a willy

warmer, but hasn't seen it

since. She probably won't

the margins of respectability. one, with the right atmosphere Much of the catalogue lingerie is now part of high street retailers' stock-in-trade. Mass of ribaldry and relaxation. Sue Purdham has been running parties in Bristol for more than market fashion has happily five years, and knows her absorbed the bustier and the basque, and there is little on customers. "The art of it is to get everybody relaxed and the underwear pages of the catalogue to shock anyone laughing. Once they've played a few games and drunk a reasonably at home in Dorocouple of glasses of wine, then thy Perkins or Miss Selfridge. they'll spend money." As a sales technique, it requires some skill - take it too far, and There Anne Summers has scored is in the people will be squirming with area of added value: embarrassment, make it too clean and people might feel it's not what you buy, but how cheated. "I've only ever had a you buy it. On a Monday

> she says. Anne Summers relies on tested techniques, most of them introduced to this country by Tupperware in the 1960s. Creating a complex ritual turns direct selling into a social occasion. All Tupperware parties used to start with games, to make people relax. Of course, what they are doing by breaking down social inhibitions is breaking down

couple of women walk out."

bother with another one this Christmas. "I just like the laugh, and the company. I'll probably end up buying a suspender belt: they look good value." Ms Gold puts the company philosophy simply: "An Anne Summers party is a fun night out for women. It's important that men aren't A good party is a raucous

> inhibitions to buying. Actual buying at an Anne Summers party is discreetly done in sealed envelopes, to protect customers from embarrassment. Although there is no hard sell, and it is perfectly possible to leave without buying anything, the party plan tem relies on a powerful hidden persuader. Many women feel that once they have been invited to a friend's

without buying something. Like most party plan companies, Anne Summers make sure there are enough inexpensive lines in the catalogue to offer even the most hard-up

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customer a cheap and honourable way out. In a recession, an Anne Summers party represents a pretty cheap and cheerful night out. Add to that the chance to earn a discount if you become a hostess yourself, or to start earning money more than a couple of hundred pounds a week if you're prepared to take it on seriously by becoming an organiser. and it's not surprising that house they really cannot leave business is booming.

From the company's point of view, the selling technique has a lot going for it: no need to advertise, as your customers do your marketing for you;

of your sales force is selfemployed and turns over very fast on a casual basis; hgh profit margins, as there is no retail middleman involved. All the signs are that Anne Summers is looking at a highly satisfactory recession.

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# A change of tack for the tux

The jacket with the shiney lapels has returned as the star of this season's evening wear - custom-made for the woman who wants to be a scene stealer

here is little in a man's wardrobe that a woman has not borrowed for herself. Over the years fashionable women have worn grandad's shirts and combinations, wom dapper-looking waistcoats from the backs of the elite schoolboys of Eton. rugby shirts from its playing fields and, this year, the whole kit of trousers, jacket, waistcoat, shirt and tie was offered by the likes of Ralph Lauren as a take on the quintessentially English city gentleman. Mr Lauren's models wore

It is not so surprising, then, that the trend has eventually filtered through to evening. If you spend your day masquerading as a pin-sharp, pin-striped banker, then why not follow suit after dark? And so the tuxedo, a fundamental item in any man-about-town's wardrobe, has emerged as this season's alternative to fanciful evening dressing. In contradiction to the flounces and frou-frou frivolities of strictly ballgown frocks, the taxedo is severe in silhouette, minimalistic in colour and cut, and devoid of extraneous appendages. With the tuxedo, what you see is exactly what you get.

Quite obviously, there is a great difference between a man in a tuxedo and a woman wearing one. While men may relish the anonymity of hiding in a roomful of similarly attired black and white characters, a woman who challenges convention will find herself the centre of attention. Tuxedos are not for shrinking violets. While swishy fish tail skirts, or bowed bustles get you noticed only as you leave the party, a tux makes an entrance. It is a scene stealer.

The tuxedo's origins caused equal tuss When Griswold Lorillard wore a smoking jacket to the Autumn Ball ut the aristocratic Tuxedo Park Club in Orange County, New York in 1886, his flouting of etiquette shocked fellow members. So notorithe name stuck, and soon the dinner jacket with the shiney lapels became part of the establishment, due in part to its start in society, but also because of its straightforward restraint. It is easy to put on a tuxedo and look good.

When Yves Saint Laurent first showed the tuxedo suit (jacket and trousers) in his Autumn Winter womenswear collection in 1966 it was met with a disquiet similar to that experienced by Lorillard almost 100 years earlier. In an age of great change, Saint Laurent's daring pushed the traditional image of woman still further.

In 1981 M. Saint Laurent was asked a seemingly impossible question. If he had to choose just one piece from all the collections he had created, just one piece, what would it be? There was no hesitation: without a shadow of a doubt," he said, "the tuxedo." The image of "le smoking" suits has become so



synonymous with Saint Laurent that the master designer sees it as almost interchangeable with the Yves Saint Laurent label.

Regardless of fad or fashion the tuxedo still remains among the most desirable items of clothing on any modern woman's shopping list. It has also become an illuminating icon for designers the world over to rework, giving it their own hand-writing. But it will always carry the signature of Saint Laurent, no matter how far removed from the original. Indeed, the YSL accedo which today strolls down the cat-walk, or along the rive gauche in Paris, has been transported by the designer himself to keep pace with his, and fashion's, ever-changing

t a time when it is fashionable for women to dress in rent's newest transformation is a dress, still bearing the hallmarks of the archetypal jacket, only longer, cut to hug the waist, and flare from the hip. Naturally, a trouser suit still parades alongside. The tuxedo encapsulates good taste. Almost any designer can make it fit their style. This season, almost every designer has.

Giorgio Armani takes elements of

the mxedo, designing long, elegant gowns which are no more than elongated satin lapels. His ankle length, double-breasted, shawl collared jacket is the epitome of 'understated chic. Valentino cuts his in see-through organza, edged with satin ribbon. This is worn with beaded, fringed belt. Another dress from Ralph Lauren hugs the body, while Donna Karan shuns modesty with a cost-cum-dress which relies on a single button at the waist to keep it together, its circular cut hem trailing open to reveal the legs. Jasper Conran keeps his options open with both a dress and trouser suit. Celine and Georges Rech provide variations on the theme, as do the less pricey labels such as Viyella, Next, and C&A.

There are certain images which stick in the mind when thinking of the tuxedo. A polished portrait of the 1930s film star Tyrone Power, Sean Cornery in Goldfinger, or Bryan Ferry doing his best to emulate him; even Mariene Dietrich in tails. But if it is a stylistic reference you seek there is only one which is spot on for right now. Bianca Jagger married Mick in a white tux. The marriage may not have lasted but the look endures.

Right: Black double breastad "amolding" dress, £1,055, by Yves Saint Laurent from Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, 137 New Bond Street, London W1; 33 Sloane Street, London W1. Black straw "picture beret", £120, by Graham Smith from Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW1. Creamy white chiffon stole, £90, by Harriet Amstruther (enquiries: 071 584 7312). Black untra sheer nylon tights, £3.85, by Pretty Polly from John Lewis, Oxford Street, London W1 and major department stores nationwide. Black satin cross strap shoes, £175, by Gina to order from Gina shoes, 42 Sloane Street, London SW1 (071 235 1440).

Far right: Black double-breasted tuxado Jacket, £488; black two pleat trouser, £273; orange silk shirt, £286, all by Jasper Conran from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1; Sogo, Piccadiily, London W1; Moon, 519 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12. Black beaded bra, £7.99, from selected. branches of C&A nationwide. Chocolate brown ribbon fiat, £136, by Jacques Le Corre from The Hat Shop at, 58 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2; Street Christophers Place, London W1; 30 Wilson Street, Glesgow G1. Black velvet diamante trimmed shoes, £125, by Russell & Bromley frm 24/25 New Bond Street, London W1 (mail order: 071 629 6903). Tights as before.

Make-up: Stephanie Jenkins. Hair: Terry Saxon for Michael van Clarke.







#### A jacket for all reasons

#### HOTLINE

FOR MEN the choice of a formal winter overcoat is sometimes the only choice. This winter, however, sees another option. The longerline leather jacket looks smart enough to wear over a suit, yet still works at the weekend. Like a flying jacket but sleeker, double and singlebreasted, belted or otherwise, the jacket has superseded the omnipresent motorcycle jacket as the hippest new look for leather. Style-setting young men team it with berets, for a look which falls somewhere between French resistance fighter and beamik.

The black leather jacket shown here is £350 from Woodhouse, 362 Oxford Street, London W1 (beret by Kangol). Sam Walker, 41



Sleek: the maquis look . . . Neal Street, London WC2 offers a black single or double-breasted leather jacket for £395; the Next Directory has brown leather jacket at

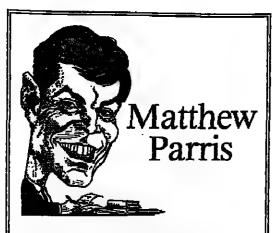
#### **Booking** the cooks

THOSE who thought Tiffany's was just for breakfast might try The Tiffany Gourmet Cookbook John Loring. Tiffany's design director, has persuaded 54 hosts and hostesses from the fashion and design worlds to share their culinary secrets. More than 200 menus range from a flamboyant meringue cake by Arrigo Cipriani, of Harry's Bar in Venice, to the designer Bill Blass's homely meatloaf. The book costs E35, from Tiffany & Co, 25 Old Bond

 For a bespoke suit, try the new ladies department of Bernard Weatherall, 8 Savile Row, WI. "Lady Weatherull" brings together designers, cutters and tailors so that clients can create their own garments, choosing from sketches and swatches.

ALLA CHAP REALLY WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS: A BLAZING FIRE AND

Probably not the first thing you thought to buy your Gentlemen friends. Neither, for that matter is the good old 'Plumpton eight-piece. (Another hat, don't you know.) All the more reason therefore to visit Simpson Piccadilly. The place is positively teeming with gift ideas from top to bottom. From headgear to footgear. And it's only two shakes from Piccadilly Circus.



#### All things must pass, and the European Community may be among the first to go

t was when Mrs Thatcher (as she then was) went to a banquet three years ago, dressed in a gown which needed a train-bearer to walk behind her holding it, that I

realised the game was up.
Until then I had only suspected. The arguments were strong but not decisive. Her leadership style was worrying but not indefensible. A case of sorts could be advanced

But not for that train bearer. You don't do that sort of thing, you just don't, and that's it. Say what you like about sterling M3, but here was a judgment one felt entirely qualified to make. I abandoned hope for her whom I had loved so long. In a relationship of trust there comes a point when something snaps, and it so often comes over an utterly trivial thing: trivial enough for you to know what you are talking about; to feel sure at last of your ground; to be certain that it really is the other person and not you who has gone wonky, or behaved badly, or cheated.

Politics, like love and the theatre, requires from us a continuous and energetic suspension of disbelief. This is tiring, for the moment the effort is abandoned all is lost. You hold on as you do to a window ledge. You can never reconstruct a broken illusion, and so a trivial moment can prove quite shattering. Thus it proved for me with that gown. And thus it proved for me, last week, with the EC.

Of course, one tries to believe in these things. One had a very nice camping holiday once in the south of France, and both of one's sisters are married to Catalans, and so these nagging doubts about the viability of the project are suspended. Little signs of *folie de grandeur* on the part of Euro-VIPs are overlooked; a niggling feeling that the whole of the European parliament is a waste of time is ignored.

You renew acquaintances with old political chums who have gone off for a few years to be something in Brussels, and realise they have gone mad. They are babbling. They are speaking in tongues. They use strange nouns which sound like words but signify nothing. Their sentences have subjects, verbs and objects, but no meaning. You start to tell them about what people in England think, and you see them look away. That, too, you try to ignore.

ou glance at the balance sheets and . notice that the only thing the EC actually does is run the common agricultural policy, under which farmers are paid not to grow things - and you shut your eyes. You hear your countrymen talking in pubs, realise that they will never accept increases in taxes from a German — and you block your ears. You read about harmonisation of lawnmower noise or the banning of Arbroath smokies hung on a wooden rack — and you think "oh well

You travel in Italy and observe that nobody there is taking any notice of the regulations that are closing down businesses in your own country - and you comfort yourself that it's surely just a matter of time: it may take a decade or ten, still, for a culture of administrative anarchy to change. You read that the French franc is in trouble, think "good", and try to stop yourself thinking it. And, all in all, and at the expense of considerable effort, you keep up the struggle to suspend disbelief.

And then you open a newspaper over the weekend and, under the headline "EC backs Athens in Macedonia recognition row", you

"We are prepared to recognise Macedonia under any name of its choosing, provided it does not contain the word Macedonia," the (EC) spokesman said.

And something snaps. And I am not going to go on about it, for suddenly it is clear to me that there's no need to. No need to argue, no need to lobby, no need to

All the things you know must come to pass will come to pass with a sort of wonderful inevitability; and we can relax. Step back, salute whatever European flag they put before us, and wait for it to happen. It was such a relief, really, that Macedonian moment, in its way.

o was the announcement of the "separation" of the Prince and Princess of Wales. My problems with the monarchy have been parallel but opposite to my problems with Europe. Europe I wished to believe in but couldn't. The monarchy I have always wished to disbelieve in, but been unable to. I mean, if you think about it - all those palaces and glass carriages and coronations, and the theory that God has made the Queen royal — you can't really believe it, can you? You could hardly believe not, anyway, on mature reflection - that someone should be bowed or curtsied to purely on account of their having been born to someone else who was bowed or curisied to.

But, because it does stir something in me and because I did want to believe in it, I have always tried not to think: to suspend disbelief. Last week, with the news, slight in itself, about Charles and Diana, I accepted that one cannot. I really must grow up and cast off this sort of thing. I learnt nothing I did not know already: but something snapped. Enough said, I

Enough said, too, about Scotland, where the government has just increased spending again. I watched the announcement in the Commons. As ever, it was greeted by Scottish fury that the English must be cheating them. That is the only reaction you ever get at Westminster from the Celts. And in that moment, I accepted that it does not matter what we do: they don't trust us and never will because we are another race. and conquered them. Scotland will have to go: probably before Wales but after Northern

Today in the Commons, Tony Benn moves a bill to abolish the monarchy and reform the United Kingdom into a commonwealth of three self-governing nations. Determination of the EC is not included in Mr Benn's bill. He's dealing with that separately. I have just read a summary of his bill. And suddenly I realise that he's right. All these things will come to pass. Me, a conservative, agreeing with Tony Benn? Crikey. A good moment to depart for Christmas in Paraguay, as I now do.

Success at Edinburgh gives the prime minister hope of solving problems at home, writes Peter Riddell

ohn Major now has the chance to escape from the Maastricht trap. Apart from the election campaign. arguments about the treaty have dominated his two years in Downing Street, limiting his freedom of manoeuvre and dividing the Tory party. But the harmonious outcome to the Edinburgh summit offers him at least the hope that the constraints of Maastricht may

be removed next year. His predicament is similar to Harold Wilson's ahead of the referendum on membership of the European Community in ne European Community in 1975. Admittedly, the Tory parliamentary party is now more strongly pro-EC than Labour MPs were in the mid-1970s, and the Major cabinet remains united while the Wilson cabinet had an "agreement to differ" over the referendum. The private doubts of Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo about the EC now with the loudly proclaimed dis-sent then of Michael Foot, Peter Shore and Tony Benn. But, like Mr Major now, Lord Wilson faced strict limits on what he could do politically until after the referendum. He sought to

# Major's chance to rebuild

Britain in Europe.

Mr Major has identical aims.

He believes that only ratification of the Maastricht treaty will both reunit his party and keep Britain "at the very heart of Europe". The Edinburgh summit helped to bring the Community back together after the setbacks of the past year. clear the decks of the longrunning disputes over internal structure, so that the EC could go ahead with the more significant issues of enlargement, relations with Russia and central Europe, and free trade.

The basic question was whether the twelve wanted the Community to move ahead and were prepared to take account of the special difficulties of some countries, such as Denmark. In the end, they did, partly thanks to the diplomatic skills of Mr Major. However irritated other EC countries may get with Britain, their officials praise Mr Major's ability at handling meetings. His whip's qualities

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come into full play, his intuitive understanding of other politicians' moods and views. That was needed in Edinburgh since the whole of the package — future financing and enlarge-ment talks as well as Denmark — had to be agreed if any single part was to stand.

The Eurosceptics' hopes for failure made sense only on the nihilistic grounds that they wanted the whole of the EC to unravel. If agreement had not been possible at Edinburgh, big divisions would have emerged within the EC and prospects for enlargement, and possibly also the Gatt trade talks, would have

The costs of agreement are not outlandish. The lengthily argued compromise on the EC budget does mean a bigger, and earlier, increase in spending than Britain would have liked —

and Jacques Delors boasted of getting 85 per cent of what he wanted. But the rise is not as large as in the past. Moreover, the growth initiative, while probably not altering the overall rate of recovery from recession, may bring forward some desirable cross-EC infrastructure projects and investment. The Eurosceptics and the lawyers will obviously be picking over the subsidiarity provisions. There is a smaller rolling back of the powers of Brussels than Britain might have wished, and the examples so far are more symbolic than significant. But there has been come shift area.

still to be determined. Much could still go wrong before the Maastricht chapter is closed. The first signs last night from Denmark were very positive but the result of the second referendum is still not certain. Douglas Hurd yesterday underlined the stakes. If the Danes vote no again, not only would the treaty be dead but Britain

there has been some shift away

from centralisation; the extent is

of-Maastricht treaty" without Denmark. The risk of a divided EC with Britain on the outside

In Britain, the outcome strengthens Mr Major's hand in the Commons. He has achieved his pre-summit aims and can at least wave a piece of paper on subsidiarity. Tory Eurosceptics will be more isolated. Labour will also be under pressure. The party will put forward its amendments on participation in the social chapter and over political control of the European central bank, the two trickiest areas for the government. But Labour is now running out of excuses to oppose the bill if it is to safeguard its pro-EC credentials.

Mr Major succeeded in avoiding any reference to deadlines for ratification, just promising to ratify "as speedily as possible consistent with good examination" of the bill. But he knows that no event created more hostility in other EC capitals to the British presidency than his concession to a handful of Tory MPs, in the "paving" debate on November 4, that the Commons third reading would not be held until after the second Danish referendum, assuming it is held in May. That threatened to reverse the posi-Europe, particularly Germany, of Britain's approach to the EC which had occurred after Mr

Major became prime minister. In practice, the bill will proba-bly not be ready for a Commons third reading until late April. even if the Danish referendum is earlier. Provided the bill passes the Commons, approval of the Maastricht bill is then certain, however long Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit speak. The rest of the EC will know by the late spring if Britain will ratify.

A failure at Edinburgh could have scuppered the bill. As it is, the row over Maastricht may increasingly become a matter of endurance. Once the process is complete, Mr Major, like Lord on other matters, such as the balance of his cabinet and future strategy. The Edinburgh summit was a necessary first step for Mr Major in rebuilding

# Rough justice for little people

Bernard Levin goes out to bat for two 'offenders' on whom the law

took a disproportionate toll

e minimis non curat lex. Oh, yes? Tell that to Mr Robert Harrison, a schoolteacher - or, more precisely, a former schoolteacher - and Mr Anthony Anderson, an amateur isherman and convicted felon.

First, Mr Harrison. Until the nisfortune fell upon him, he ears, the last 15 at Beaumont School in St Albans, which is a comprehensive. One day, in a science period, a 14-year-old boy in Mr Harrison's class heated a pair of forceps in a Bunsen burner and handed them to the unwitting dominie, who took them heat first; before he could drop them they had burnt and blistered his hand.

We may deduce the giee with which the miscreant saw his trick working; the glee was somewhat reduced, however, when Mr Harrison instinctively "stupid boy". Perhaps the glee returned later, because when the incident came to the ears of the authorities, the board of governors of Beaumont School. they sacked Mr Harrison, describing what he did as "gross

My regular readers know that I am much given to making comedy out of reality by blowing it up into invented and fantastic forms: I must therefore disclaim any such action in this story: Mr Harrison was 30 years a teacher, and was half that time at one school, and did slap a 14-yearold boy who for mischief had burnt his hand quite badly, and was sacked for doing so. But I must put out an even more solemn warning that the next bit is also nothing but the truth: when Mr Harrison went to the unfair dismissal tribunal, the sacking was upheld because another packet of italics, please,

and there is no need to wrap them — Mr Harrison had acted in retaliation, not self-defence. More anon; but now to Mr Anderson and his fishing expedition, which ended in gyves upon his wrists. He was digging

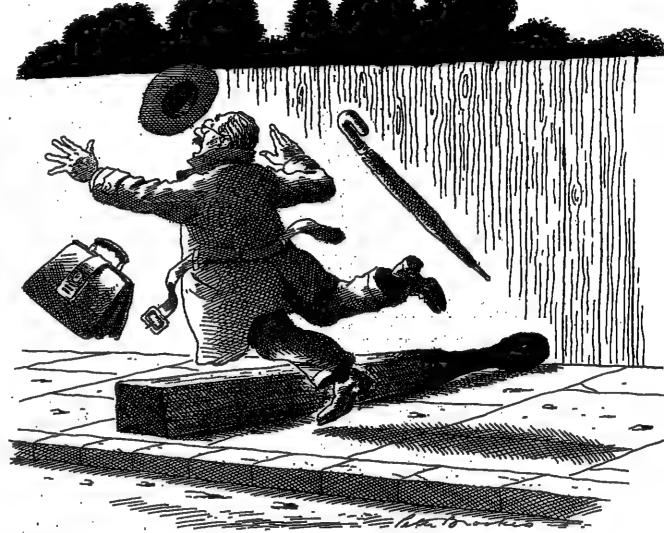
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to be found, or at least dug for, waters). Mr Anderson, it must be emphasised, was not going to cook and eat the higworms, which are far from edible; the pause while the Animal Liberation Front organises a demo, which will end with Mr Anderson and me being beaten up.)

It is important to make clear that Mr Anderson was an amateur fisherman plying his rod (lugworm and all) for sport and his supper, not for commercial purposes. This is significant because there is a local statute where this imbroglio took place (Boulmer Haven, Northumberland), which forbids the digging for lugworms in order to pre-CONT SEE WHY. perhaps the commercial hug-worm-fishers have been spoiling the smooth sandy surface of the local beaches.)

n any case, Mr Anderson was prosecuted and fined £50. Not a great sum, you may say (though Mr Anderson is unemployed), but there was a great matter of principle, and he stood upon that principle as Hampden did on the Ship Money. He has so far invoked Magna Carta, the legal difference between the foreshore and the seashore, and thousands of fishermen. He is also challenging the nature of the statute under which he was prosecuted, which he has categorised as "uncertain, unreasonable and repugnant to the law of the land".

Attaboy, Anderson, I'm with you all the way, and that goes too for Mr Harrison. But there are deeper waters. Can we really have fallen so far in the beastiness of officialdom that a fisherman is prosecuted for catching a into - I really cannot restrain my language here - the kind of idiocy that sacks a devoted teacher because he delivers a



most proper and deserved slap to a very naughty boy? The Harrison case raised a memory in my mind. One day, when I was a schoolboy, there was in a science period an almost exactly identical incident; a heated test tube pressed to the back of a neck, and I remember the details so vividly because the neck it was pressed to was mine. I yelped - I couldn't help doing so - and teacher, before Aristides Levin could say that no harm had been done and that it was all a joke, dragged out the culprit and then and there gave him six of the best. Neither the culprit, nor I, nor any boy in the class, nor anyone in the school, nor

indeed in the land - nay, in the

world - would have found

anything odd, let alone wrong-ful, in such a solution; but the

culprit, and I, and any boy in the class, and anyone in the school, and indeed anyone in the land - yea, in the world would have thought the outcome of the Harrison case stark .

staring mad. A slap? A slap? And one delivered not as a savage blow. brooded over and plotted as revenge, but truly a knee-jerk response to a nasty burn from a nasty child? Who, or perhaps I should say what, are the people, or I should say things, capable of such action in such a case? Corporal punishment has almost died out in Britain; I don't think it ever did any good. But whether it did or didn't, this trifling, instinctive and proper action by a responsible and honourable teacher should have been applauded; and even if a reprimand was thought appro-

priate, it should have been given privately, unofficially and with good humour. Instead, a teacher is sacked and I have to go out to bat for him, if only because it

nd Mr Anderson? He has, happily, managed to get legal aid in La fighting this prepos-terous worm in a teacup. But the matter coitomises something very similar to the Harrison case, though of course less grave. What have we done with flexibility? What have we done with informality? What have we done with generosity, proportion, ease, calm, measure? Why is it now assumed that a law must be invariably and inexorably pressed to its ultimate form, and never left alone even when nothing and nobody has been

Justice Taylor has been saying, in vigorous terms, that more judges must be trained and appointed because of the scandalous delays in bringing cases into court. Cannot he tell the Alnwick magistrates, who fined Mr Anderson because he caught a lugworm "without lawful right or authority", to go and boil their heads, or - if that is beyond his powers — to drop the case? And cannot the governors of the Beaumont School murmur into Mr Harrison's ear that it is not necessary for him to go all the way to the House of Lords to get justice, but that if he were to keep quiet for a term or two he could come back, all passion spent? And that the school authorities, as a mark of contrition, would present him with a pair of boxing gloves?

harmed or even disturbed? Lord

#### A little local difficulty

HAVING negotiated a successful conclusion to the Edinburgh summit John Major may now have to employ his diplomatic skills closer to home. His soothing tones may be required to pacify the party's agents, the paid employees who run constituency associations.

For the first time, agents are making disloyal noises, over Maastricht, the economy, and Norman Lamont's legal fees. Such is the state of discontent. that the party high command has moved to quell further rebellion. A blunt letter has been sent to all agents warning them not to air criticism in

Signed by officers of the National Society of Conservative and Unionist Agents it says: "It is no exaggeration to say that as a result of the behaviour of some members of the National Society in recent months the professional status of the party agents is beginning to be called into question. Our commitment to the Conservative cause as agents is not in question, but we feel it appropriate, as a result of some incidents recently, to remind all members of the Nat-

ional Society that whatever per-sonal opinions or views we hold. they are best kept to ourselves and certainly never aired in public. Any departure from this rule endangers the professional standing of the party agents.

The letter continues: "Our duty as agents is to stand loyally by the leader of the party and the policies of the government which were endorsed by the electorate." But the missive contains implicit criticism of the party leadership. "There is no doubt that a series of recent policy decisions by the government has tested the loyalty of many of our supporters in the country and indeed some members of the party."

The council tax and coal closures would test loyalty even further, it says. But loyal the long-standing and strong convention that Conservative agents should remain above any internal policy debates, and under no circumstance be seen by word or deed to question or undermine the policies of the leadership of the party." That's democracy for you.

French leave PRESIDENT Mitterrand has been having mixed luck with his

royal-style walkabouts in Brit-



ain. In Edinburgh on Friday his motorcade made one irregular stop only to find the public nowhere in sight. On Saturday he was more fortunate when he stopped in the Royal Mile for an impromptu tour of shops. It had originally been thought he was looking for a kilt for his wife Danielle — an honorary doctor of Edinburgh University - but he settled for his and hers Aran sweaters. A pity because kiltmakers pride themselves on being able to find tartans for anyone. The McTonton tartan

 Edinburgh's taxi drivers, not ones to let a chance of making extra money pass them by, took full advantage of the summit circus. Lest any of their number forget, as streets were blocked off for the Mitterrand cavalcade to pass, a message went out on radios: "Make sure ye've

#### Going for broke

THE Western Isles Council, which lost millions in the BCCI scandal, is hoping it has found a financial saviour: Donald Trump. The American businessman is on a hitlist of businessmen with links to the area targeted by the island's enterprise group for entrepreneurial help. Trump's mother came from Back, in Lewis, and he still has cousins living on the island. Whether Trump, whose finan-cial difficulties dwarf those of the Hebridean council, is the man to restore confidence in the islands remains to be seen.

● As Parliament dwells on the outcome of Edinburgh, Lord Campbell of Croy is continuing his fight against the less pleas ant aspects of the Scottish wilds. Following his question last month in the Lords on the use of the red mite to reduce the numbers of midges. Cray is today asking the government whether it is continuing financial support for the experiment of reduc-ing bracken by the use of imported caterpillars. Quite.

#### Benn rap THOSE who thought politi-

cians embarrassing themselves on Top of the Pops was a thing of the past should think again. Neil Kinnock's ill-advised appearance in a video with Tracey Ullman has not deterred Tony Benn. His recent stirring speech in the Commons against pit dosures has been included in a fund-raising album for the min-ers called The Undefeated. Benn's speech, backed by Grimethorpe Colliery Band, ends with a rendition of Raise Your Banner High by the Sheffield singer Roy Bailey. "This is the first time a speech from the House of Commons has been combined with music in this way," says Benn enthusiastically. "It brings together the parlia-mentary and the popular, the traditional and the topical."

#### Paper weights

SOME of the unpublished inttings of Marcel Proust will be among manuscripts auctioned at Sotheby's tomorrow in aid of an extension to the London Library. Sketches for an episode from A la recherche have a £5,000 price tag, though a James Joyce manuscript is expected to go for even more. Of contemporary writers, a manu-



script donated by John Le Carré reveals that one of his best known books. The Little Drummer Girl. might have been called Charlie the Red or The True Line. Ted Hughes, Sir Kingsley Amis, Baroness James (P.D. James). Ruth Rendell. A.L. Rowse and Sir Stephen Spender have all given something to the auction. The library remains faithful to the ideal of its founder Thomas Carlisle. Sleeping members "will not be disturbed until closing time".

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# A FINE REPAIR JOB

The prime minister did well at Edinburgh

Blessed be the bureaucrats: the British have again proved themselves the subtlest legal drafters in the European field. This was the summit, said a visibly relieved John Major in Edinburgh, "that put the Community back together" and its nations on the track to economic recovery. For once the prime minister can be forgiven his touch of hyperbole.

Credit belongs to all the Queen's men for their painstaking EC budget plan, a compromise on British terms which keeps spending within bounds while avoiding open rift between Europe's richer countries and the "poor four" led by Spain. Still more ingenious is the formula for addressing the Danish question without reopening the text of Maastricht. Against heavy odds, the British presidency has cleared away a mass of contentious business stemming from the politicians' drive towards European union and the revolt this over-ambitious treaty has generated among their electorates.

It is increasingly clear now that the dehate in Europe since the Danish referendum has had its chastening effect, not least on the other bureaucrats, those in Brussels. The EC Commission has committed itself to produce an annual work programme for national parliaments to scrutinise. It has promised to make a case for each legislative proposal and to use green papers and other methods of consulting governments before acting. The Edinburgh communique, despite its ritual affirmation that the European Monetary System is "a key factor of economic stability and prosperity in Europe", provided further evidence that EC thinking is moving Britain's way. References to cutting subsidies and public sector pay, to encouraging competition and private investment, were much more redolent of Whitehall than of Jacques Delors's vision of Europe.

Community housekeeping absorbed a disproportionate amount of summit time. Parochialism has become a standing re-- proach for a group that includes three of the world's biggest military powers, has commensurate diplomatic influence and

will open for business on January 1 as the world's largest single market. But by implicitly giving the go-ahead to UN enforcement in in Bosnia and by leaving the way open to Macedonia to apply to the UN for recognition, Edinburgh began to break away from the Maastricht parish-pump.

Mr Major also did well to obtain a decision to start negotiations on admitting Sweden, Austria and Finland on January 1. The summit promised the countries of Central and Eastern Europe more liberal access to EC markets and promised that they will be welcome to join the EC as soon as they are ready - an overdue gestime to these countries' political need for a club to join.

Negotiating skills are only a part of what is needed in the next phase for the Community. The Humpty Dumpty of European union will not be released from the intensive care unit unless and until the Danes return a positive vote in Denmark's second referendum on Maastricht. Europe is fortunate that its economic fortunes do not depend on decisions taken at Edinburgh: Mr Major cannot seriously believe that a few billion Ecus from the European Investment Bank will create "new confidence for investment and for jobs in every country".

Edinburgh's promises of respect for the principle of subsidiarity and more openness in decision-making have yet to be tested. The Commission's powers to bring in legislation remain intact and there is endless scope for contrary interpretations in the lengthy annexes of "guidelines".

Mr Major's Edinburgh strategy does, however, offer a way forward. Even if Maastricht were to be ratified by all 12 parliaments, economic reality will combine with the limitations imposed by the Edinburgh guidelines to circumscribe its implementation. Once the treaty is in its proper place, the EC will be open to new members. And it might at last begin to think seriously about more weighty matters, beginning with its relations with the wider world and the widening war on its southern doorstep.

#### **CRAMMING AT CHRISTMAS**

School children should be longer and earlier at their desks

Scrooge himself would be proud. The revision classes for GCSE and A level candidates launched this week are as lacking in festive spirit as most children could imagine. But they reflect growing anxiety among parents and pupils that the demands of the reformed examination system are not being met by time spent in the classroom.

As the pressures on schools to succeed have multiplied, so teaching time has dwindled. In 1994, 14-year-olds will be tested in no fewer than seven compulsory subjects. Yet most children are taught for only 24 hours a week, compared to 30 or more in the 1960s - still the norm in Scotland today. A Japanese schoolgirl will spend 1,500 hours a year in lessons, 550 more than an English schoolboy.

Although academic standards are the obvious casualty of short school days, extracurricular activities suffer too. Regrettably, many schools now allocate less than an hour a week to team sports, and most complain that the national curriculum has squeezed the time available for drama, music and

An appealing solution is the five-term academic year already used by some City Technology Colleges. The long summer holiday, originally timed to release children for the harvest, would be replaced by a fourweek break, and each term pared down to eight weeks of short, sharp study.

Since the school year currently lasts 38 weeks, the net gain would be two weeks of lesson time. But such an upheaval in educational custom would have to be instantaneous and universal to be of any use. Next to the seasons themselves, school terms are the most important units of time in the nation's calendar, dictating the dates around which most families plan their lives. Piecemeal regional change would be a recipe for confusion — not least for those setting dates for national examinations.

In practice, extending the school day is a more attractive answer to the timetable squeeze and one for which useful models exist on the Continent and closer to home. The CTCs, open from 7.30am till the early evening, have already found that longer hours of business have reduced truancy rates, and broadened their range of nonacademic activities. An earlier start for comprehensive schools at 8.30am, compled with a shorter lunch break, would concentrate teaching in the hours when children are most receptive, and liberate time in the afternoon for non-academic pursuits or supervised homework.

Governors already have the power to make such changes and will be encouraged to do so by market forces. Schools that offer extended teaching will attract more pupils and more money. The extra hours worked by teachers would at present need a supplementary contract. But the introduction of performance-related pay, bonuses and, eventually, local bargaining of salaries and conditions will permit much greater flexibility in timetabling. Mr Patten should actively encourage this sort of local initiative - and consider a national model if local initiative fails.

#### THAT CERTAIN SMILE

The mystery of the Mona Lisa must be unexplained

The lady is older than the rocks among which she sits, like the vampire, she has been dead many times and learnt the secrets of the grave . . . But what is her secret, and why is she smiling in that disturbing way?

The enigma on the face of the Mona Lisa has excited detective and exegetic instincts since her paint was just dry five centuries ago. Viewers have found there everything from maternal tenderness to the pitiless archaic smile, from the essence of fulfilled womanhood to the sly triumph of a Borgia who has just slipped exotic seasoning into the soup. In spite of her continental nickname, jocund does not exactly fit that sinister leer. She is an ambiguous painting. which does not give everything away, and to which everyone can bring a particular obsession. Characteristically, Freud found sex in La Gioconda, the contrast between reserve and seduction, "consuming men as if they were alien beings".

The latest theory, from a psychiatrist who has a record of such historico-artistic detection, is that she is a self-portrait by Leonardo. This is not quite new. X-rays of the painting have shown a beard beneath the surface. The new suggestion is that she is a mirror image; and transposing the picture in a mirror certainly warms up that disturbing smile and makes it look remarkably like the half-smiling statue of David by Verrochio, for which the young Leonardo is thought to have been the model. The suggestion is that Leonardo, who was lefthanded and probably homosexual, used his

own face in the mirror as his model for a selfportrait in inversion, both laterally and sexually. The tradition is that he was infatuated with the Mona Lisa, and kept her with him until his death in Paris.

Nothing about a great painting is uninteresting. But it would be a mistake to suppose that the heart of an artistic mystery can be plucked out by such literal detective work. Among the arts of reason is to know when reason must stop.

There is a mystery too about the reflection of the Rokeby Venus in her mirror. Nobody knows what the naked mother, baby and the young soldier are up to in Giorgione's "La Tempesta" except that an idyll of beauty is about to be swept away by the storm. For centuries critics have been arguing about what the Venus de Milo is actually doing.

Adrian Gilbert was fat, and fond of deerpoaching and sack, "the greatest buffoon in England", according to Aubrey. He may have been a model for Falstaff, but Falstaff he was not. Dr Joseph Bell, the Edinburgh professor, could tell his patients' occupations from their faces. But he was only one influence on the creation of Sherlock Holmes. It does not explain the mystery of the Sonnets to show that Shakespeare was the Earl of Oxford, or even Elizabeth I, just as it does not entirely unwrap the Odyssey to suggest that it was written by a woman.

Ambiguity, ambivalence and mystery are characteristics of great works. Art must transcend experience. The secret of the Mona Lisa's smile is safe for eternity.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Democracy and Hong Kong's future Security of tenure in universities

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, Although I do not think that the present problem in Hong Kong rests upon or should be decided by any narrow legalistic point, it is no use your leader writer (December 11) stating baldly that the proposals made by the Governor of Hong Kong in regard to the composition of the legislature comply with the Joint Declaration of 1984 and the Basic Law. They do not.

It is quite clear from the travaur preparatoires and the express terms of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law that the policy agreed upon was one of convergence; that there would be no basic change in the laws of Hong Kong; and that democracy would be introduced by stated and agreed changes, enabling the members elected in 1995 to carry on over the 1997 barrier to 1999. Thus, "in accordance with the principle of gradual and orderly progress", the ultimate aim of universal suffrage could be achieved with a measurable. could be achieved within measurable time, the directly elected seats rising from 20 to 24 in 1999 and 30 in 2004 - and so on.

It is quite possible that if the governor's proposals for more rapid and drastic progress had been raised first in the Joint Liaison Group and, if not agreed there, they had been referred to the two governments for solution through consultation, as the Joint Declaration expressly required, amicable agreement could have been arrived at. Instead, the governor chose to make his much-heralded and dramatic October speech without consulting the Chinese at all. It was a sad bloomer.

It is to be hoped that after the recent abortive meeting of the Joint Liaison Group the agreed course of reference to the two governments will now be followed. As HM Government stated in the 1984 white paper "confi-dentiality is crucial to the success" of such negotiations.

May I suggest also that your sneer at "the Foreign Office mandarinate" is unworthy. The Joint Declaration of 1984 was a veritable triumph of statesmanship, diplomacy and good sense and owed much to the then political judgment and firm leader-ship of Mrs Thatcher (as she then wast and her immediate advisers.

Yours truly, HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, House of Lords. December 11.

From Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke Sir, You state that "Mr Panen's critics

believe, in essence, that Britain should always retreat in the face of violent Chinese opposition, lest China tear up the treaty". It is not "retreat" in the face of

Chinese opposition, nor is it yielding always to Chinese demands, if one suggests that proposed modifications to the Joint Declaration and Basic Law, whether reflecting majority opinion in Hong Kong (which I per-

sonally doubt) or not, should have been discussed with China using machinery set up for that purpose.

before promulgation.

Mr Patten is certainly courageous in endeavouring to accelerate the pace of democracy in the run up to 1997. But the crucial question is, is he right and wise to do so and in the manner he has chosen? To polarise differences of views on this question, as reflected in your editorial, is not helpful. The heat needs to be taken out of this crisis - and the sooner the better.

Yours faithfully, SHARP. House of Lords. December 11.

From Sir William Goodhart. QC Sir, Elements of the business com-

munity in Hong Kong are all too willing to turn a blind eye to the suppression of democracy if that is the price which the People's Republic of China asks them to pay for being allowed to continue in business undisturbed.

Last year I led a mission to Hong Kong on behalf of the International Commission of Jurists. Our report, published in April, pointed out that in the 1984 Joint Declaration the Chinese government had expressly de-clared that "the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall be constituted by elections". The Basic Law (the post-1997 constitution for Hong Kong), promulgated by China in 1990, provides, however, that half the Legislative Council is to be elected by "functional constituencies".

The functional constituencies were first created by the British administration in 1985. Most of them consist of business or professional groups; some of the electors are not individuals at all but companies. In September 1991, 18 members of the Legislative Council were elected by direct elections based on universal suffrage. But some 3 per cent of that electorate had a second vote which elected 21 members representing functional constit-DEDCIES.

Our report described this as a parody of democracy. It is also inconsistent with Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which confers on citizens the right "to vote and be elected at genuine periodic elections which shall be by universal and equal

It may be too late to get rid of the functional constituencies altogether, but Mr Patten's proposals to widen direction and are wholly consistent with the Joint Declaration. The pity of it is that the British government took no steps in the immediate aftermath of the Joint Declaration to establish proper democratic institutions in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely. WILLIAM GOODHART (Chairman, Executive Committee), Justice, 95a Chancery Lane, WC2.

#### Synod shake-up

Prom Mr Jim White

Sir, In his letter to you about his resignation from the General Synod (December 5) Sir Leslie Fielding was right to point out the need for a fundamental review of the structure of

that body. The most glaring defect is that Church members do not have a direct vote in the election of its House of

Laity, the house where the narrowest decisions have recently been taken. It is the House of Laity that characterises General Synod: presumably, convocations of clergy and bishops would continue even if General Synod were abolished.

A motion to put right this defect and to introduce direct voting stands

in my name and was deferred from last November's synod to next February's. As a signatory of the motion. Sir Lestie's contribution to the debate will be badly missed.

The ordination of women will not be the last important decision General Synod takes and further decisions arising out of the ordination of women will be necessary. The sooner the House of Laity achieves proper credentials as a representative body the sooner will General Synod's authority be recognised, not simply as lawful but also as rightful.

Of course, there will always be limits to what it can properly consider. however it is constituted. JIM WHITE

Durborough Farm, Aisholt, Spaxton. Bridgwater, Somerset.

#### Joint effort for TV

From Mr Charles Denton

Sir, The chairman of the ITV Association, Mr Greg Dyke, attacks the report of the director-general of fair trading on proposed ITV networking arrangements (report, December 5). He claims that "the ITV system outlined in this document is not the system individual companies bid for".

Nonsense. The "competition test". which is intended to ensure fair treatment of both the independent producers and the ITV companies and has now been applied, was a crucial part of the Broadcasting Act 1990. Every ITV licence applicant knew before it applied for a licence

that its networking arrangements would need, by law, to pass the scratiny of the Office of Fair Trading. The director-general of the OFT has rejected TTV's proposals. What is surely needed now is for broadcasters and producers together to attempt to establish the operational conditions for a free, informed, open and competitive market in programme supply. This would be in the best interests of broadcasters, producers and (most important) viewers. Yours faithfully

CHARLES DENTON (Chairman), Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television. Gordon House. Greencoat Place, SW1. December 7.

#### Sado-masochism From Mr Peter George

Sir, You argue (leading article, "Laws of sex and pain", December 2) that the very mark of a civilised society is that, as far as possible, it allows its citizens the liberty and the privacy (privacy, nowadays?) to do as they like without the law intervening. Many think it is a common mistake to confuse liberty with doing as you like and therefore would disagree with you. One also rather doubts that the sado-masochistic activities, which you told us would from the stomachs of most people but suggest should be permitted in private, are much the mark of a civilised society.

Are we going to grow more and more civilised if the law tolerates less and less civilised behaviour? What

quite is the dividing line between private and public behaviour?

Yours faithfully PETER GEORGE, Hale Court, Lincoln's Inn. WC2. December 4.

From the Roman Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen

Sir, You are surely not serious in inviting us to replace respect for one another with freedom to abuse one another, albeit privately, as the basis of a civilised society?

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From Professor Graham Zellick

presented in your leading article of December 4, "Security in academe", as ill-founded and misleading. Before the Education Reform Act

Sir, I regard some of the arguments

1988, many, but by no means all, university teachers enjoyed security of tenure, either by virtue of their university's charter and statutes or merely by contract. The effect of such tenure was to protect them against dismissal on grounds of redundancy. If the protection emanated from the charter and statutes, dismissal on grounds of redundancy could be restrained: if by contract, substantial damages could be recovered.

However, all university teachers, whether "tenured" or not, were open to dismissal for "good cause" — e.g., conviction on a criminal charge, or scandalous conduct, or failure in the performance of duty. Thus, there were many university teachers prior to the Act who enjoyed no security of tenure in the sense defined above.

The 1988 Act was designed progressively to eliminate tenure from the university system. It did this by laying a duty on the three University Commissioners to amend the charters and statutes of all universities, so as to ensure that all new staff and those promoted could be dismissed on grounds of redundancy.

The issue in the Page case (report, December 4) was whether Mr Edgar Page fell into the category of those staff who attracted tenure, as he cisimed, or was one of the many without it. It has now been established that he was not protected.

It is not the case, as you say, that this decision means that "the changes in the 1988 Act are effectively retro-active". The Page decision would have been the same even if the 1988 Act

had never been passed. There remain staff who, notwithstanding the 1988 Act and the Page judgment, cannot be dismissed for redundancy; there are those who have never had such immunity: and there are those who, as a result of the 1988 Act, have lost it. There are also those who, like Mr Page, thought or

hoped they had it, but did not. Finally, you confuse all this with poor performance and dismissal for good cause. Tenure and protection against redundancy have never offered shelter against disciplinary ac-tion based on inadequate performance, incompetence or the like. If such action has been rare in the past, it owed nothing to tenure and the explanation needs to be found else-

The 1988 Act also required the commissioners to modify statutes dealing with dismissal for good cause in order to simplify the procedures and make it easier to effect such dismissals. It is the view of most, if not all, vice-chancellors and principals of the chartered universities that the procedures designed by the commissioners actually make those procedures more complex and difficult than they were before.

Your advice to the commissioners in any case comes too late: they have completed their task for many institutions and are at the final stages with the remainder. Academic freedom is, in my view, more than adequately

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ZELLICK (Principal). Queen Mary and Westlield College, University of London. London Él 4NS. December 8.

#### Marking exams fairly

From Mr R. A. Whelpton

Sir, It was with some incredulity that I read Professor Fitz-Gibbon's comments (letter, November 30) about English examination board procedures, since in the previous hall-hour I had marked GCSE scripts both from one of our major public schools and from one of our major penal establishments. In each case I applied strictly a marking scheme which I had myself designed in such a way as to guarantee fair, efficient and unbiased marking, whichever of my team of examiners was doing the marking and whatever the candidate's back-

To question, as the professor does, whether this is the norm not only flies in the face of the facts, but impugns the integrity of the professional people who are charged with this respon-

To suggest then, as he does, that things are different in Northern Ireland because the centres are mumbered, not named, is also based on a misconception: when I was O-level Chief Examiner for Northern Ireland in the late 1960s and early 1970s we knew very well whose scripts we were marking, because the candidates often mentioned the name of their school in their answers and we soon got to know the centre numbers. Nor did the use of candidate numbers instead of names mean that we did not know whether the candidate was a boy or a girl: we all knew that the girls' numbers began with the figure 3.

should it have done.

I do know that the assessment was and is a good deal fairer and more objective than that of university and polytechnic degree examinations, with which I was also involved over a period of many years.

Yours faithfully. R. A. WHELPTON. 25 Hardebury Way, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr L. K. Flint

Sir, During my many years as an examiner I have frequently marked papers from Eton and other famous public schools. I have also marked scripts from the inner-city com-Gibbon refers and am able to reassure him that the criteria applied when marking all scripts, from whatever

source, are identical. My mind-set is such that I expect Eton's work to be good but that does not mean that I give marks away nor does it mean that I withhold marks from a candidate with a similar response from an inner-city comprehensive school.

I also lead a team of course-work moderators, which involves dealing directly with schools from time to time. It is perhaps significant that Eton's procedures, the meeting of deadlines and staff responses are without exception exactly what they should be. This is not always the case with many other schools.

Yours faithfully. L K. FLINT, 240 Harrogate Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

#### Museum millions

But it made no difference, nor

From Dr Waiter J. Rosenfelder

Sir. Sir Nicholas Goodison (letter, December 2) expresses concern at the reduction in funds available to our 19 national museums for the purchase of new works of art. Would not a realistic answer be for these museums, as they acquire new works, to dispose of some of the items in their collection for which they do not always have space

for public display?

The policy of museums ever to increase the size of their collections, without an adequate balance between acquisition and disposal, can be questioned. The National Art-Collections Fund could be augmented by a judicious policy of sale of those works that do not form an essential part of any particular collection without in any way impairing the high standard of excellence which has been achieved by our museums.

Yours faithfully. WALTER J. ROSENFELDER, 44 Meadway, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11. Detember 2.

You appear to argue that liberty and privacy to do as we like are more characteristic of such a society than protection by the law of the dignity of the individual. Adult consent to being abused is all that matters, apparently,

with the absent constraint of law. Granted that conscience is the best defence against self-abuse, the law is the surest weapon against the folly of being abused by others for their sexual gratification, perversely granfying though it may be for a time to one's self. You may argue otherwise, but folly is what you will protect, not

Yours sincerely. MARIO CONTI. Bishop's House, 156 King's Gate, Aberdeen. December 2

#### Spot the repeat

From Mr Philip Grout

Sir, How does the BBC propose to show repeats in such a way that it is "not clearly evident to viewers" (report, December 4) that they are seeing a repeat?

Yours faithfully. PHILIP GROUT. 5 Dickenson Road. Crouch Hill, N8. December 4.

#### Unemployment's blight

From Dr A. W. McKenzie Sir. Can the ordinary citizen help to reduce the blight of increasing unemployment? I cannot place a worthwhile order with Cammell Laird. while my personal needs from the

Royal Ordnance are limited. However, the 16,200 redundancies announced by the Post Office (report, December 4) appear to be due primarily to new envelope-reading technology to be introduced on all letters by 1995. Is this mechanical 'efficiency" at the expense of human employment what we really want?

Could not a loose Tolpuddlean group - hopefully free from the sanction of deportation to modern Australia - resolve to omit postal coding on their letters, and thereby safeguard the employment of some willing hand-sorting postperson?

There are doubtless other ways in which we could ensure that individuals in this and other industries could reasonably retain the dignity of earning their livelihood.

Yours faithfully, A. W. McKENZIE, 50 Bracondale, Norwich, Norfolk December 7.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

the University Church of St Mary

The Duke of Edinburgh was

represented by the Lord Porter of Luddenham OM.

December 13: The Prince of

Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, anended a Gala Perfor-

mance of "An Evening with Dylan

Thomas" in aid of the Trust at

Mr Hugh Merrill was in

Lyndhurst Hall, London NW3.

December 12: The Prince of Wales

was represented by Sir Nicholas

Henderson at the Memorial Service for the Lord Franks OM

which was held this afternoon in

the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

**Appointments** 

Dr Brian Allen will succeed Profes

sor Michael Kitson as Director of Studies at the Paul Mellon Centre

Châtelard School

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the Virgin, Oxford

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present at the Marriage of their daughter, The Princess Royal, with Commander Timothy Laurence RN, which took place in Crathie Parish Church this afternoon.

The Reverend Keith Angus officiated, and Prayers of Blessing were said by the Reverend Michael

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, The Prince Edward and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon were also

The Queen was represented by Sir Isaiah Berlin OM at the Memorial Service for the Lord Franks OM which was held this afternoon in

#### Luncheon Today's royal Lady Juliet de Chair Lady Juliet de Chair was host at a

engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Maritime Trust, will artend a dinner in Cutty Sark at Greenwich at 8.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Chicken Shed Theatre Company, will attend a gala performance at the Place Theatre at 6.55.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will arrend a display to mark the 70th anniversary of the St John Cadets in Derhyshire at likeston Consumer Co-operative Society at 10.55 will attend a luncheon afterwards to mark the culmination of the "Over to you John" campaign: will visit Hardwick Hall. Doe Lea, at 2.35; and will visit Bolsover Castle at 3.35.

#### Christening

The Prince of Wales is godfather to the Infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Ashley Hicks who was christened Angelica Margherita Ed-wina by The Venerable Frank Weston, Archdeacon of Oxford, st St Mary's Church, Ewelme, on December 13. The other god-parents are The Hon Philip Knatchbull Princess Cecile of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, Donna Marella Carracciolo and Miss Demetra Lalaounis.

#### Nature notes

BITTERNS from mainland Europe are appearing in reed beds in Southern England. They are short, plump herous, with streaky brown and yellow bodies, and when they stand swaying among the reeds with their long beak pointing upwards, their camouflage is almost perfect. They are most often seen flying at dusk over the tops of the reeds with slow, owi-

Goosanders from the north are now scattered all over the country on large lakes and reservoirs: the drukes have bottle-green heads like mailards, but a mainly white body. and a red beak, hooked and serrated for catching lish. If they go lishing in a river, they fly low over the water following all the river's twists and turns. Woodland birds like coal tits and great sponed

On the bare hombeams, the new buds are like short needles; on birches, next year's catkins are growing longer, but are still hard,



and there may still be a few of this year's fluffy seed catkins hanging there. The white flowers of yarrow can still be found in wet places such as river banks. Queen wasps are coming into houses, and buzzing on the window panes.



the British Army in the Western Desert. An exhibition of eighty of his works, called Dawson's Army: from Libya to the Lebanon, is on show at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, London, from Wednesday until May 31 to commemorate the 50th anniversary year of the Battle of El Alamein

#### **Anniversaries**

Lady Juliet de Chair was host at a luncheon party at the Savoy Grill on Thursday for the heads of departments of Cassell & Co to celebrate the publication of Napoleon on Napoleon: An Autobiography of the Emperor edited by Mr Somerset de Chair. Those present included Mr Jonathan Courtenay Grimwood, Mrs Rosie Anderson, Ms Jo Gill and Mr de Chair. BIRTHS: Nostradamus (Michel de Notredame), astrologer, Saint-Remy, 1503: Tycho Brahe, astronomer, Krudstrip, Denmark, 1546; James Bruce, explorer in Africa, Larbert, Central Scotland. Africa, Larbert, Central Scotland, 1730; Pierre de Chavannes, mural painter, Lyon, 1824; King George VI. reigned 1936-52, York Cot-tage, Sandringham, 1895; Paul Eluard, poet, Paris, 1895.

DEATHS: Sir John Oldcastle, alleged heretic. "hung and hurnt hanging", London, 1417; King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Falkland, File, 1542; for Studies in British Art, London from January 1, 1993. Mr Brian John Allinson Smith and Mr David Macleod Robertson to be district judges. Mr Smith at the Yeovil, Axminster and Thomas Rymer, archaeologist and historian, London, 1713; Carl Chard and Shaftesbury County Courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Yeovil, and Mr historian, 175; composer, Hamburg, 1788; George Washington, 1st American President 1789-97, Washington, 1799; Robertson at the Newcastle upon Tyne county courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Newcastle upon Tyne, Teesside, Hartlepool and Darlington. John Loudon, landscape gardener, London, 1843; Leon Faucher, statesman, Marselles, 1854; Albert, Prince Consort, Windsor Castle, 1861; George Hudson, the "railway king". London, 1871; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Prime Minister 1923-24, 1924-29 and 1935-37, Astley, Lancashire, 1947; Edward John Former pupils of Châtelard School born in 1950/51 and who at-tended pre-sixth form are invited Higgins, 3rd general of the Salva-tion Army 1929-34, New York, 1947; Will Fyfe, character com-edian, St Andrews, 1947; Juho Passidvi, President of Finland 1946-56, Helsinki, 1956; Sir to contact: Reunion Luncheon, 57 Scarsdale Villes, London W8 6PU.

#### Birthdays today

Stanley Spencer, painter, Taplow,

Buckinghamshire, 1959; William Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, field

marshal, Governor-General of Australia 1953-60, London, 1970.

eratic tenor, 65; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 80; the Right Rev J.B.R. Grindrod, former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia. 73; Sir Anthony Kershaw, former MP, 77; Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, actress, 57; Mr Robert Mitchell, former chairman, GLC, 79; Mr C.R. Morris, former MP, 66: Mr Alberto Morrocco, painter, 75; Sir John Osborn, former MP, 70; Dame Ruth Railton, founder, National Youth Orchestra, 77; Mr R.E.J. Roberts, chairman, Simon Engineering, 64; Mr Stan Smith, tennis player, 46; Mr Simon Towneley, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, 71; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, KG, former Lord Lieutenant of Mid, South and West Glamorgan, 82; Miss DJM Roselyn Tureck, conductor, 78.

#### **Marriages**

Mr T.R. Coleridge and Miss D.F. Kelley The roarriage took place on Sat-urday, December 12, at Our Most Holy Redeemer and Saint Thomas More, Cheyne Row, between Mr Timothy Richard Coleridge and Miss Daria Forsythe Kelley.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Alexander Coleridge, Edward Sants, Rupert De Lisle, Francis Williams, Charles Walker-Arnott, Horatio Greenough, Miss Adriana Chavegnis and Miss Emilie Kingzett. Mr Christopher Coleridge was best man.

The reception was held at The Savile Club and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr E.O.K. Tensole-Marris and Miss K.M. Chapple
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's. Cadogan
Street, of Mr Edward Temple-Morris, elder son of Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, and Mrs

#### **Forthcoming** marriages Temple-Morris, to Miss Katherine Mr N. Darlington and Miss G.M. Oldfield Chapple, daughter of Field Marshal Sir John and Lady Chapple

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mrs. Y. Darlington and the late Mr T. Darlington, of Newquay, Com-The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Rachel Duffell, Celeste wall, and Gemma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Oldfield, of Wadhurs, Joseph, Flora Warrington, George Birch, Joshua Collins and Chris topher Holt. Mr Charles Snow was

Mr R.N. Gladstone and Miss N.L. Playfair

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Sit William Gladstone, Br, and Lady Gladstone, Hawarden Castle, Clwyd, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr Forbes and the late Mrs Lindsay Playfair, Bale, Norfolk

Mr P.I. Pearce and Miss C.J.N. Jones

#### The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 12, 1992, at Edenfield Methodist Church, Lancashire, of Mr Kenneth Mabbutt

The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Pearce, of Onery St Mary, Devon, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Jones, of Lianfaelog, Anglesey.

#### Church news

The Rev David Hall, Vicar, Holy Saviour, Hichita (51 Albans): already appointed Vicar, St Laurence, Midford Orong Ministry (Coventry).

The Rev Clive Harper, Rector, the

younger son of Mr and Mrs Fred Mabbutt, of Witherslack, Cum-

bris, to Lesiey Ann, second daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Henry Nattrass, of Coxhoe, Durham.

Canon Herbert Veal officiated.

A reception was held at the Royal Geographical Society and the honeymoon will be spent in

Mr K. Mabbutt and Ms L.A. Scott

Clergy appointments Bishop of Bradwell

The Rev Dr Laurence Green, Recor, Poplar, diocese London, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Bradwell, diocese Cheimsford, succeeding the Rt Rev Derek Bond, who retired at the end of August.

Archdeacon of Northumberland The Rev Canon Peter Elliot, Vicar, Rock, and Rural Dean of Alnwick: to be Archdeacon of Northumberland, diocese Newcastle, succeed-ing the Ven William Thomas who is retiring this month.

The Rev Paul Buird, Curais, Chandler's Ford: to be Vicar, Hythe (Winchester). The Rev Paul Belter, Curais, Hardepool, St. Aldan: to be Team Vicar, Jarrow Team Ministry (Durham)

Ourhand.

The Rev Hugh Bearn, Assistant Curare, Chiris Chirch, Resum (Menchestri): to be Chaplain to HM Forces (RAF). The Rev Margares Beris, Assistant Curare, Filtwrick to be Minister for Westoning and Tingrith (St Albans). The Eev Harry Callaghan, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Top or he Moss, Bolton (Manchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of the Episcopal diocres of Marchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of the Episcopal diocres of Marchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of the Episcopal diocres of Marchester). The Rev Brian Cassidy, Curate, Lymingon: to be Prise-in-charge, Hyde (Winchester).

The Rev Charles Gorton, Curate, the Rev Charles Gorton, Curate, Leighner, Charles Gorton, Curate, The Rev Charles Gorton, Curate, Caraco, St. Aldan (Chelmsford).

Firehead Neville and Mappowder and liberton, Wolland and Beichstwell (Salisbury): to be Vicar, Steep and Frontleid w Privan (Fortmouth). The Rev Edmund Fisann, Vicar, St. John, Beimont: to be vicar, St Pener and St Paul, Lingheid and St George, Crowhurk (Southwark). The Rev Richard Postill, Vicar, St Mary, Acocks Green: to be also Dean of Yardley (Binningham). The Rev Netl Read, Curete, Sundering Springwell St Mary w Thorney Cices, St Pener: to be Tham Vicar in the East Darlingson Team Ministry Iduntum). William Temple Church, Wythenshawe in he Cursie, the Apostles, Manchester and St Cuthbert's. Miles Platting (Manchester). The first Malcolm Guite, Cursie, St Marys, Ely: to be Team Vicar, Humingdon Team Ministry (Ely). The Rev Dr Margaret Guits, non-supendiary minister, St Marys, Ely: to be Team Ministry (Ely). Ministry (Siy).
The Rev Richard Haigh, Vicar,
Unsworth: to be Rector, Brough w
Stainmore, Musgrave and Warcop

The Rev Jonathan Robinson, formerly Vicar. Stoke St Gregory w Burrowbridge and Lyng (Bath and Weils), and until recently Director of the Grail Rement Centre, Gwynedd: to be non-stipendiary Priest-in-charge, St James, Wigmore, and St Mary Magdelene, Leinthall Starkes (Hereford). The Rev Clive Harper, Ractor, the united benefice of Bredenbury w Grendon Bishop and Wacton. Edwyn Ralph and Collington w. Thornbury, Pencome w Marson Stannett and Linie Cowense, (feereford; aiready appointed Recor, St Marics, Bilton (Coventry).

The Rev David Hassell, non-stipendiary minister, Worcester South East Team Ministry: to be Curate, Abberton, Naunton Beauchamp and Bishampton w Throckmorton (Worcester).

The Rev Peter Holmes, Curata, Christ Church, Croydon: to be Vicar, St Peter, Norbiton (Southward).

The Rev Noel McCounchie, Curate, Larkfield and Leybournes to be Rector, Mereworth w West Peckham (Rochester).

(Hereford).
The Rev Murk Rogers, Curate, Dadley, St Augustine: to be Curate, Worcester, St Barnabas and Tolladine, Christ Church (Worpeser). Resignations and retirements

Resignations and retirements

Honorary Assistant Bishop, diocess
Canterbury: to resign (due to ill health)
from December 31 and to have
permission to officiate in the
Sandwich deanery (Camerbury).

The Rev Canon Peter Heartfield.
Chapisin to Camerbury group of
hospitals: to retire from December 4,
and then be Bishop's Adviser for
Hospital Chapisincy at both district
and regional level (Camerbury). Other appointments

Rochesteri.
The Rev Ivor Nicklin, Priest-in-charge,
Kings Walden w Offiey and Lilley (St Albanst: to be Vicar, Bastord St Mark (Lichield).
The Rev David Pine, Priest-in-charge, Hazelbury Bryan w Stoke Walse and Professor David McClean, Deputy Chancelfor of the discess of sheffield: to be Chancelfor of the discess of Sheffield.

#### Archaeology

THE TIMES MONDAY DECEMBER 14 1992

## Colour change was clue to site of hidden tomb

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SIXTH rich tomb has been located at the famous Sipan site in northern Peru, and is about to be excavated, according to Peruvian archaeologists. The burials already uncovered include some of the richest grave goods ever found in South America (The Times. May 18th, 1990).

The new tomb, of the Moche culture and dating to the third century AD was spotted by Susana Meneses, the archaeologist directing ex-cavations and the wife of Dr Walter Alva, who is in charge of the whole project at

A slight change in the colour and shape of the adobe bricks in the uppermost level of the great burial platform were the only sign, but "its outline is so similar to two other tombs. We think the finds within it will be spectacular", Sra Meneses says in an interview in Archaeology.

Her discovery lies between

two burials excavated previously. One, known as "the Lord of Sipan" was equipped with superb gold jewellery. while the other contained a head-dress apparently identifying the tomb's occupant as a priest. He was accompanied in death by three adult attendants, a child, a dog, a llama, and a snake.

Three earlier tombs lie deep within the platform, which was raised in six stages between about AD 100 and 350. The first, the "Old Lord of Sipan", included gold ornaments in the shapes of spiders sitting on gold-wire webs, their bodies in the shape of human heads. Two standards of cotton cloth were decorated with warriors made plates of gilded from

copper. Complementing these dis-

coveries. Dr Christopher Donnan of UCLA has found "the richest Moche female burial ever scientifically excavated" at San José de Moro. some distance south of Sipan. He believes it to be that of a priestess: her body was covered with huge sheet metal cutouts of arms and legs, and two giant silver-copper plumes formed part of her head-

Dr Donnan has matched these with a depiction on a painted Mochica pottery bottle, where the priestess is participating in a human sacrifice.

The scene shows bound captives having their throats cut, while four celebrants perform the ritual. Two of these have accountrements which match those in the tombs of the Lord of Sipan and a warrior found in an earlier Sipan burial. Since the priestess's burial is at least 250 years later, this sacrifice ceremony had a long duration in Moche culture. Dr Donnan

One of the artefacts found in the priestess's tomb was a painted goblet, showing the blood of captives being drunk. A similar goblet is being passed in the sacrificial scene. and one appears again on a wall-painting from another

The wide distribution of the ceremony "strongly implies that it was part of a state religion", Dr Donnan said. "When members of the priesthood died, they were buried at the temple where the Sacrifice Ceremony took place, wearing their ceremonial paraphernalia and accompanied by the objects they had used to perform the ritual".

Source: Archaeology Vol.45 No.6:30-42.

#### Mausoleum reflects Roman way of death

AN ELABORATE Roman manisoleum has been found at Cheimsford in Essex (Norman . Hammond writes). Built of timber and dating to the third century AD, it was a provincial reflection of the splendid tombs that lined the Appian Way outside Rome itself.

The mausoleum stood, like its metropolitan counterparts. just off the main road into town, in this case on the outskirts of Caesaromagus, the precursor of Chelmsford. Its true nature was not realised while it was being dug, however, but only emerged during analysis of the results afterwards.

The excavations revealed a series of substantial post holes and two human burials, one of them incomplete. The posts formed an L-shaped plan. defining one end of the building, enclosing a limestone coffin containing one of the skeletons. The other was found nearby in a simple grave.

The latter had been partly. though inefficiently, cremated, probably by heaping a pyre over the body. The coffin burial was lacking one foot and part of another, believed to have been a way of preventing the dead from "walking" and thus disturbing the

The cremation was accompanied by a jet bracelet and staff, now on display at the Chelmsford museum. The dead could have been man and wife, the excavators believe, but the sex of neither individual is known. If both were male, then they could have been Mithraic priests. according to Essex's county archaeology section. The jet staff would have been symbolic of the priest's office.

Whatever the truth, "they undoubtedly represent the burial of two individuals of high rank: there is nothing like these burials anywhere else in Chelmsford".

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#### SIR ROBERT REX

Sir Robert Rex, KBE, CMG, Prime Minister of Nine and the South Pacific's longest-serving premier, died on December 12 aged 83. He was born on January 25, 1909.

ROBERT Rex became prime minister of the tiny Pacific island state of Niue when it achieved the status of "self government in free association with New Zealand" in 1974. He had been the island's most active political leader from the 1950s onwards and after it achieved its self governing status was confirmed as prime minister in successive general elections in 1975, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1987 and 1990.

Niue's precarious "independence" from New Zealand (of which its population remain citizens) has been a mixed blessing for the 100 square mile coral island. Although for years Rex had no serious opponent as political leader, his administration was severely criticised for maladministration on several occasions; he himself survived a vote of no confidence in Niue's Assembly in 1989. The son of Leslie Lucas Richmond

Rex and Monomono Paea, Robert Richmond Rex was educated at Tufukia Technical School, Niue, before going to the Fiji Islands where he worked as an engineering appren-tice at the Rakiraki Sugar Mills. After a further period working for the New Zealand Steamship Union Co, he returned in 1930 to Niue where he was engaged in farming. In 1952 he set up in the retailing business, with his firm R. Rex & Sons.

From his earliest adulthood he had been involved in Niue's fledgling systems of administration. From 1934 he was Clerk and Official Interpreter (a position he described as "Jack of All Trades") to the Niue Government. He was a representa-tive on the Niue Island Council from-1952 and from 1960 he was a member of the executive committee of the island's assembly. As leader of the government from 1966 onwards he was the natural candidate to become premier on the granting of

Rex's government immediately faced crucial problems, the most serious being the depopulation of Niue. By 1985 it was estimated that

twice as many Nineans lived in New Zealand as on their native island. The problem became so serious that the New Zealand government established a committee to examine the possibility of the island's reverting to New Zealand administration. This was rejected but provision was made in New Zealand's 1989 budget for a guaranteed retirement income for Nieuans, in an attempt to persuade many expatriates to return home. In 1989 Rex visited New Zealand to try to persuade Niueans living there to invest more in the island. At the same time he asked the New Zealand government to restore certification to Air Nauru, which provided a vital air link, after it had been withdrawn on grounds of inadequate safety standards. In the event Air Nauru did not resume flights and Rex's government approved the formation of a private company to continue this service.

In 1989 Rex was criticised in a New Zealand Auditor-General's re-port which acused his government of misuse of grants and aid money and a failure properly to fund long term planning. In June of that year Rex survived a motion of no confidence in



the assembly by 13 votes to seven. The island's problems were compounded when it was struck by a cyclone of unexampled severity. Cydone Ofa, in February 1990, which wrecked the economy and destroyed the only hotel.

This prompted Rex to subject himself to the hazard of a new election. To general surprise, including his own, the opposition Niue People's Action Party (NPAP) which had only sprung into existence in 1987 when it secured one seat in the assembly - now took 12 of the 20 seats. However disagreement in the NPAP's ranks allowed Rex to enlist the support of four of its members and he was able to remain premier. Nevertheless opposition to him was, thereafter, much more robust in tone and practice within the shaky coalition he controlled.

In spite of the problems which had latterly faced his administrations Rex was held in esteem in the region and enjoyed his reputation as the selfstyled "longest serving statesman in the Pacific."

He was appointed OBE in 1973, CMG in 1978 and was created KBE

in 1984. He married, in Tuagatagaloa Patricia Vatolo. They had two sons and two daughters.

the Mediterranean.

a house in Belgravia), to

Ireland for holidays in Castle

Forbes or to his yacht based in

The companies on which he

held directorships included Texaco, Nabisco, Martini and

Rossi, Patino NV and Reckin

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decorations were his appoint-

ment as a Commander of the

French Légion d'Honneur

and as an officer of the US

Legion of Merit, the Croix de

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Granard was also well-read

and well-informed and took

an intense interest in French

politics. In 1980, however, he

strongly denied speculation in the French press that he was financing the presidential can-didature of Madame Marie-

France Garaud, at one time

chief political adviser to

Jacques Chirac. Granard,

while a personal friend of

Madame Garaud, coolly re-

marked: "If I had any extra

money I would prefer to buy

another racehorse".

Greece.

#### MOSHE BAR-KOCHBA

Moshe Bar-Kochba, controversial general and a prime moulder of Israel's armoured corps. died on November 19 aged 62. He was born in Poland on March 5. 1930.

MOSHE Bar-Kochba fought in every one of Israel's wars and reached the rank of major-general before abruptly resigning from the Army two years ago. He publicly charged the General Staff with the failure to learn and implement the lessons of Israeli-Arab wars.

He was known as Brill to friends and foes alike - his family name before he fulfilled a request of David Ben-Gurion and adopted the Hebrew name Bar-Kochba after the Jewish general who led the uprising against the Romans. During the second world war, while his father Max served as an officer in the army of General Anders, he and his mother made the arduous journey from Poland via Siberia and Iran, to Palestine, where they were joined eventually by Max Brill. At 14 Moshe joined the under-ground Irgun organisation. Little is known about his activities - but they were serious enough to get his name put on the wanted list of the British, forcing him to go into hiding. He was never caught and his underground

activities continued until the British left Palestine in 1948. Brill then joined the newlyformed Israel Defence Forces fighting mainly in Galilee. Later he participated in raids against Arab guerrilla groups which were based in Gaza and the Dead Sea area. His career with the armoured corps began when he was transferred to the newly-formed 7th Tank Brigade, becoming a company commander. An imposing figure "built like a tank", he was a tough commander who drove his men hard and demanded a high standard of performance and

physical fitness. Brill trained his tank crews well and the Sinai campaign in 1956 proved to be a turning point for the armoured corps. During the desert fighting Bar-Kochba led a dozen tanks in a crucial attack against a heavily defended Egyptian stronghold at Ruefa Dam, near Abu Agheila. The stronghold was taken but only two tanks remained undamaged and they had empty ammunition racks when the hentin ended. One of them belonged to Bar-Kochba. His company received a unit commendation while Bar-Kochba received a medal of valour from the Chief

of Staff, Moshe Dayan. Bar-Kochba never hesitated to push his ideas regarding what he believed the IDF needed to do or to acquire in order to prepare for any future war. His military ideas and warnings of developments in the Arab countries were greeted, more than once, with derision - until they proved to be correct. During the Six Day War in 1967 he commanded a tank brigade. "In the Six Day War we were at our peak and reached out-

standing achievements but the situation was different by the time the Yom Kippur war broke out", he wrote in his book on tank warfare. Chari-ots of Steel. "The armed clashes with Arab forces in which I became involved in 1972, together with my understanding of developments within the Arab world, led me to believe that they had developed a strong offensive capability and were no longer deterred by our air force and military strength. I said as much in an officers' meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir in April 1973 but my words brought sarcastic smiles from those present."

When the Yom Kippur war broke out in October Israeli forces were pushed back in surprise attacks on the Egyptian and Syrian fronts. Bar-Kochba commanded a divisional tank formation that undertook a successful counter-anack against Synan and Iraqi forces on the Golan Heights.
In 1979 he was appointed

Officer Commanding the Armoured Corps. Shortly before the 1982 war in Lehanon he urged that the IDF give thought to the ways an Aritb capital might be captured and



in 1985 he warned that Israel might find itself under missile attack and called for an examination of the country's defensive measures.

After the war in Lebanon Bar-Kochba mounted a vigorous campaign for the IDF to undertake a thorough study of the lessons which he believed needed to be learned. He also stressed the need for training the IDF for the possibility that Israel might find itself forced to fight distant enemies with whom it had no common border.

He was appointed senior adviser to the chief of stall with responsibility for studying and proposing what needed to be done and for planning and directing large formation exercises. But in 1990 he resigned. In a lengthy letter, widely reprinted in the press. he expressed his frustrations over the failure of the High Command to respond seriously to the recommendations of

himself and his staff. In civilian life Bar-Kochba became director general of the Israel Railways Authority and continued to lecture and write on security issues and to criticise IDF failings as he saw

them. He leaves his widow, a son and two daughters.

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Philip Sloan to be Professor of

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tative Studies upon Mr S.A. Moore, Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

#### THE EARL OF GRANARD

The 9th Earl of Granard. AFC, aviator and businessman, died on November 19 aged 77. He was born on April 10, 1915.

LORD Granard, who was once dubbed "the flying earl", led the kind of life that others may simply dream of. A yacht, private aircraft, racchorses and three homes, including a castle and a Parisian mansion house, were among the fixed assets of his international lifestyle. A director of some of the most profitable world companies, he was married to a beautiful princess and was on first-name terms with the first Lord Beaverbrook and a succession of French presidents.

He was not only a gifted pilot but a brave one. After joining the RAFVR as a young man, he won the Air Force Cross and was mentioned in dispatches in the second world war while flying daring clandestine missions over the Bellains.

Yet despite his immense wealth and many talents, Granard was a quiet, modest man who shunned the limelight and rarely caught the attention of gossip columnists. He was born Lord Arthur Forbes, eldest son of the 8th

eari - Master of the Horse to

LES DALY

Kings Edward VII and George V, and at one time deputy speaker in the House of Lords. The trish title had been created by Charles II and young Arthur, during the holidays from Eton, retreated behind the ramparts of Castle Forbes, the family seat at Newtownforbes in County Longford

He was 19, still a student at Trinity, Cambridge, when he learnt to fly and, after graduating, opened his own aviation company, based at Croydon. At the same time, he attracted the attention of Lord Beaverbrook who took him on the payroll to write a column for Express Newspapers — first on aviation but then on other subjects, too. Called up from the RAFVR

when the war started, he was sent as an air attaché to Bucharest, gathering informa-tion for British intelligence in London. Unlike most air attaches. Granard enjoyed the huxury of having his own plane which he placed at the disposal of the authorities. As Hitler applied pressure on the Balkans following the fall of France, British agents and their contacts in Yugoslavia were rounded up by the police and Granard began his own evacuation service. Operating

under secret orders from

Whitehall, he flew risky missions over the Yugoslav border rendezvousing with his pas-sengers on isolated farmland. When Romania fell to the

Germans he moved to Turkey, carrying out a number of undercover sorties into Greece once landing on a beach. But when Athens fell in early 1941, he joined the allied exodus to Egypt. There he became an adviser to the British minister of state, then joined the staff of the RAF Middle East commander, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder. Tedder later paid a warm tribute in his memoirs to

Granard, who ended the war

as an air commodore based in

He succeeded his father to the earldom in 1948 and in the following year married Marie-Madeleine "Madou" Faucigny-Lucinge, formerly wife of the late Prince Humbert de Faucigny-Lucinge. Thereafter he lived his life mainly on the Continent - in Switzerland or in Paris, where he inherited a palatial residence (and much of his wealth) from his mother, the daughter of an American

From there he commuted to business meetings around the world, piloting his own plane to London (where he once had

millionaire.

His wife died two years ago and he is survived by two daughters, while the title passes to his nephew Peter Forbes.

#### was spotted as an unusually

Sun and The Times and deputy editor of The Sunday Times Magazine, died on December 12 at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. He was 39.

Les Daly, a former

features editor on The

LES DALY was one of the most gifted and admired features journalists of his generation. His career ranged from teenage and women's magazines to tabloid and broadsheet newspapers. was born

Lenzie Academy from where he went straight into journalism with the DC Thomson company. From the start he bright generator of ideas and innovations. Before he was 20 he had been poached by IPC to launch a new teenage magazine and then by Carlton Publishing to mastermind yet

another launch. He moved to New York to freelance at the end of the 1970s, returning to becoming a features editor on The Sun

Kirkintilloch and educated at and in 1982 deputy editor of Options magazine and subsequently editor of Woman's World. He returned to The Sun as assistant editor and then in 1986 joined The Times as a features editor.

This was a crucial time for the broadsheet press. The papers were expanding, new technology was about to arrive and there was an enormous demand for new journalistic content. Dalý was a vital figure in this transformation. His immense experience in areas of journalism not previously covered by the "heavies" made him an innovative and creative force on The Times and, soon afterwards, on The Sunday Times Magazine. On The Sunday Times in particular, he launched a new London section and generated new types of material by combining his own wit and flair with the magazine's tradi-

tion of serious reportage.
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Miss Marie Tempest is to make her reappearance on the London stage after an absence of some months in a new play written by Miss Amy Kennedy Gould in collaboration with Miss Eileen Russell. It is entitled Retreat from Folly and will be seen early next month. Miss Tempest's part is that of a dever and amactive woman who, divorced from her first husband, meets her children after the lapse of some years. The scenes are set in a fashionable London hotel. Rehearsals of the play will begin to-day week under the direction of Mr W. Graham Browne.

return to the stage. At the Shaftesbury Theatre on Wednesday week Miss Diana Wynyard will appear with Mr. Louis Borell, the Dutch actor, in a new play entitled Hearts Content. Mr. Raymond Massey will be the producer,

#### ON THIS DAY December 14 1936

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The newspapers were not entirely taken over by the Abdication crisis. Raymond Massey was producing a new play, Charles Laughton was to play Hook in Peter Pan; J.M. Barrie also had a new play; and Lord Peter Wimsey
was to make his stage debut.

and among the supporting players will be Mr. O.B. Clarence, Miss Mary Jerrold, Mr. Cyril Raymond, Miss Eileen Peel, and Mr. Anthony Bushell. A NEW PETER PAN

Mr. Charles Laughton is to forsake the screen for a few weeks in order to appear as Captain Hook in the Christmas matinée season of Peter Pan at the London Palladium. There will also be a new Peter in Miss Elsa Lanchester and a new Mr. Darling in Mr. Peter Murray. Wendy will be played this year by Miss Pamela Standish, Mrs. Darling by Miss Cicely Byrne, Slightly by Mr. Charles Hawtrey, Starkey by Mr. Harold Scott, and John Darling by Mr. Edmund Keen,

Sir James Barrie's new play The Boy David will reach His Majesty's Theatre tonight by way of Edinburgh. On Wednesday Lord Peter Wimsey will make his first appearance on the

stage at the Comedy Theatre in a play written by his creator. Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, in collaboration with M. St. Clare Byrne. Mr. Dennis Arundell will impersonate Lord Peter. The title of the play is A Busman's Holiday. Wednesday has also been fixed for the first matinée performance of Where The Rainbow Ends at the Holborn Empire. On the following night The Sleeping Beauty will be seen at the Vaudeville, and The Astonishing Ostrich at the Duke of York's. On Friday the Adelphi Theatre will reopen with Mr. Eric Maschwitz's Balalaika

#### THE THEATRES MISS TEMPEST'S **NEW PART**

Another well-known actress is also to

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The British standards watchdogs took the lead. Now the rest of the world follows, Patricia Tisdall reports

# Sign up and save money

5750 certification have found it worthwhile. The advantages lie not only in easier marketing — as the product is better but also in improving their own internal business systems and boosting staff

Research produced by SGS Yarsky, the UK's third largest certification body, concludes that registered companies are satisfied both with the benefits they gain and that the required standard is fair.

The approach is one of carrot and stick. The BS 5750 certificate is now required for suppliers to a growing range of public sector purchasers such as the Ministry of De-fence and the National Health Service. At the time of application, half the companies surveyed for the SGS research said they had registered because big customers demanded it.

Most companies found that registration yielded unexpected benefits, including financial savings. In most in-stances, savings recovered the costs of registration within three years. Cost savings identified by the survey were fewer rejects (27 per cent), reduced administration (20 per cent), increased productivity (20 per cent), savings in overtime payments (15 per cent). One registered com-pany saved £100,000 a year by identifying and introduc-ing a system for collecting

As well as saving money. an impartial survey can improve other factors, such as safety; in one case, the accreditation procedure helped plug loopholes in fire drill and accident procedures in a nursing home. The survey found the plans neglected to include evacuation of the

Ardudes to BS 5750, A Survey of 500 Registered Comparies, from SGS Yarsley Quality Assured Firms Ltd.

Waving the flag of top quality

European method of assuring quality took an important step forward last month with the resolution of the tricky question of who vets the

A checking procedure by which each country's accreditation body is to be assessed by a team drawn from other members was agreed at a committee meeting of the European Accreditation of Certification (EAC) in Lisbon.

Welcoming the agreement, Paul Hewlett, the chairman of the EAC, said it was an important measure which should provide the basis for an efficient and workable system of mutual recognition of certificates, "If trade in the single market is to flow freely, customers need assurances of quality which they know they can rely on," he said.

Agreement on a process of peer review of accredited certification bodies is one of a number of measures designed to bring harmonisation, not just in Europe but worldwide. Already established is an

international standard for quality management systems against which certificates are issued. This is known in the United Kingdom as British Standard (BS) 5750, in Europe as EN 2900 and internationally as ISO 9000. Rather than inspecting prod-ucts for faults at the end of the

business process, the philosophy behind the quality standards is that of ensuring that errors do not occur in the first place.

Firms whose business methods conform to the standards are assessed by one of a number of commercial and highly competitive external bodies which issue certificates of compliance. The UK was the first country to

introduce a national organisation to watch such watchdogs. The National Accreditation Council for Certification Bodies (NACCB) assesses the impartiality and competence of the certification bodies and

accreditation to the trade and industry department.

The pace has increased rapidly after a slow start. The first accreditation — of Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance — occurred in February 1986. By 1990 there were 15 and a year later 18. The latest list totals 25 of which BSI QA, a division of the British Standards Institution, is by far the largest.

Companies which are successful in obtaining a certificate from an accredited certification body obtain the right to use the symbol of a golden crown (signifying govern-



Paul Hewlett: welcomes agreement

ment) and a tick (signifying approval). This indicates that their management systems have been inthe BS 5750 standard of quality.

Although obtaining the prized BS 5750 registration can be a lengthy business involving several inspection visits by auditors, most of the 15,500 companies which have now obtained their certificates believe it has been cost effective.

The pace of development in Europe has attracted favourable attention from the United States where attitudes to formal certification systems used to be negative. computer software and information technology industry which has its own scheme sponsored by the DTI under the name TickIT

American industry watchdogs have formally requested permission to adapt the British TickIT quality guide to their requirements. Cana da, Singapore, Sweden and Ireland are among 47 other countries which have expressed interest in following their example.

In total, over 21,000 copies of the guide have been distributed. John Slater, the principal consultant at Logica and TickIT project leader, says the scheme is "buzzing around the world".

There are two main features of TickIT. The first is that its terminology relates specifically to the jargon used by the software industry. The second is that all auditors are trained in information technology and have to to be vetted by the British Computer Society and the Institute of Quality Assur-

ince TickIT's launch in June 1991 four bodies have been authorised field. The scheme has its own certification process and 130 companies have acquired

Next on the horizon is a full awareness programme which was launched by Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary, in November. This includes a new award sponsored by

The first trophies will be presented next April to companies which, having already obtained their TickIT certificates, can demonstrate the "highest level of commit-ment to quality in [their] products

The primary aim of these awards is to demonstrate the extensive commercial benefits which stand to be realised from the application of quality management techniques," Mr Heseltine says.



Putting tackle to the test at sea: the British Steel Challenge 1992 round-the-world yacht race

# Never mind the width

ciation (BQA) is suspending operations in favour of a new organisation - the British Quality Foundation, Norman Laking writes.

The BQF was created as a response to a DTI committee's recommendation that a new quality award, perhaps with the name The Prime Minister's Award for Total Quality be established. The DTI committee, headed by Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, presented its report in August. It said the award scheme should be run by an independent body, able to demonstrate the involvement and support of the business community at a

senior level. The BQA, which has organised the highly successful British Quality Awards since 1984, was seen as the natural candidate to run the award scheme. However, as part of the Institute of Quality Assurance, it could not be seen as a body independent of other

Following a DTI recommendation, award scheme can develop the British Quality Assoa new body will recognise quality in business through awards

> The BQF will be a totally independent organisation though it will subsume and extend the BQA's activities.
> Harvey Spindler, currently director of the BQA, explains the
> aims and objectives of the new

"The BQF will build on the reputation and expertise

We will drive of the existing BQA memquality into all bers," he says. "We will businesses' barness their energy to drive

ness - public and private sectors, large and small organisations. We expect to develop training packages, seminars and tools to identify and promote best practice in total quality. At the same time, the

new organisation will support the sector committees which so

successfully promoted quality among BQA members. "Naturally, we hope and expect that the BQF will be invited to run the new award scheme. We would plan to develop it using the European Quality Award

methodology and criteria as a model 'Prime Minis-

ter's Award' would be run the practice of to the same quality into all areas of busi-rigorous standards, but have a different character. One development will be the use of the award criteria both as components in training packages and as a means of selfassessment by individual busi-

nesses. By this means, the

total quality management throughout the UK economy."

The Henderson committee recommended that business pays for this new award. Currently, the BQF is in discussion with a number of firms who may form the award sponsorship committee. Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade, supports this initiative.

"Properly run, an award along the lines envisaged by the Henderson committee could give a major impetus to the spread of the concept of total quality in this country," he says. "I very much hope that business will help get this initiative up and running.

The BQA was formed in 1981 as an association of UKbased companies and organisations from both private and public sectors which recognise quality to be a vital factor in the achievement of business success. Its membership inciudes over 1,200 organisations, including blue-chip firms like BP, ICI and GEC. The list of past award winners reads like a "Who's who" of leading companies and includes such names as IBM, Plessey, Rank Xerox, JCB, Ford, Schweppes, Sony, Brit-ish Steel, Lucas and John Laing. Winners of the 1992

awards, presented last month in London by Michael Heseltine, were Short Broth-ers, for implementing Total Quality in products and processes involving all employees and achieving a significant change in culture, resulting in continuous improvement and increased customer satisfaction", and Rover Group, Small and Medium Cars, for the significant and consistent progress made over the last four years in product quality, efficiency and the people involvement, particularly against such a severe economic dimate".



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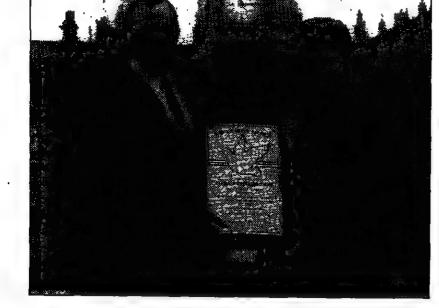
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# Public must make charters work

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government initiative to improve quality of service in the public sector

Sir James Blyth of Boots

ince they were launched last year by the prime minister, the citizen's charters have tried to tackle the challenge of improving quality from a different standpoint.

The charters are intended to complement the British Standard 5750 but while BS 5750

mainly affects dealings between one business and another, the citizen's charters work from the users' point of

The charters spell out the standards service people can expect to receive and the reme if standards are not met. They are aimed specifically at public services, in-

cluding the privatised utilities, and the government says they are already bringing

improvements. Monitoring, the theory runs, is no longer up to an external regulator. The only third party scrutiny is by the users — in this case, the public. The methods by which high quality of service is achieved are left to the organisation

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ty which invites the general public to monitor results, the charters operate much more quickly than the auditing used for BS 5750 certification. Already more than 28 charters covering services such as schools, hospitals, tax offices, benefit offices, the police,

courts, post offices, roads and rail services have come into operation.

The scheme tions in hospital waiting lists, publica-tion of comparative tables school exam results perforand mance targets by British Rail, the All

with standards, which, often for the first time, require services to set themselves explicit targets. Data on

charters start

actual performance against these standards are published. Four other key principles are described under the headings of: information and openness. choice and consultation, courtesy and helpfulness, putting things right, and value for money.

The charters are proving

popular. Distribution of a summary of the patient's char-



John Major talks back: the prime minister taking questions on the citizen's charter from members of the public in his own constituency of Huntingdon

ter resulted in over 900,000 requests for the longer version. From next April health authorities are required to publish reports on the performance of individual local hos-

pital and ambulance services. Rather confusingly, the citizen's charters have a separate logo from the crown and tick used by BS 5750 accredited companies. They also have with an advisory panel chaired by Sir James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, which selects up to 50 winners each

The first 36, selected from almost 300 which applied. were presented with trophies in London in September. All are entitled to use the charter mark logo on stationery and publicity material for three

The winners include small organisations such as individual schools and leisure complexes as well as giants such as South Western Electricity.

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Service, the vehicle licensing centre in Swansea, Vauxhall Motors, which reports fewer defects through its application to supervisors, and GKN, which cites an im-

However, the less tangible benefit of greater employee involvement is equally if not more important in the longer term. The pursuit of continual improvement must become a way of life for everyone in many more organisations if they are to succeed. It has been clear for years that consumer place a higher value on quality than on loyalty to their homebased producers and they expect price competitiveness to go hand-in-hand with quality.

sometimes think about what must be going through the minds of the chief executives and directors in those companies which have embraced TOM properly, when they read articles knocking quality management.

that the quality ap-proach, BS 5750 or whatever, either does not work or costs too much money I can only imagine how delighted they must be at the thought of their competitors taking notice of these messages. It is remi-niscent, of course, of W. Edwards Deming, one of the founding fathers of modern TQM theory, who travelled from America after the second world war to help the Japanese get their act together with regard to quality, manement and competitiveness His message now to the West-ern world is simple: you don't have to take the total quality approach - survival is not

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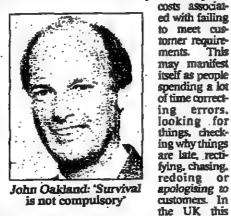
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#### Trial will unveil Serb war crimes

An account of six months' service with Serb forces north of Sarajevo by Borislav Herak is expected next month to be the basis for the first war crimes trial of the Yugoslav conflict, when he will be charged with genocide, mass murder, rape and looting. His testimony should reveal how Serbs killed tens of thousands of Muslim and Croat Bosnians Pages 1, 2

#### Hospital cuts

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is expected to back a programme of hospital closures in line with those recommended in the Tomlinson report when she announces her plans to shake-up London health services

#### Literary battle

New evidence of Daphne du Maurier's homosexuality has caused a fresh outbreak of hostilities between her biographers. Martyn Shallcross, whose biography hinted at a lesbian affair, is now demanding an apology from the "literary mafia" Page 3

#### Under attack

The people who are making the biggest killing out of the recession, the liquidators and receivers of bankrupt companies, have been described as "parasites" because of the high fees they charge and the poor deals they often secure for creditors Page 4

#### Price flyover

The European Commission will move this week to make car manufacturers produce comparative price lists to help buyers find bergains. Denials by manufacturers that UK motorists get a bad deal fall to convince EC consumer groups, which say that some cars cost 45 per cent more in Britain than France ... Page 4

#### Spending spree

Unemployment in the north might have reached 25 per cent copters.

in some places, but people with money are taking a "spend it while you've got it" artitude. This has helped Britain's third higgest holiday firm. Manchesterbased Airtours, to increase profits this year by a thirdPage 5

#### Dole flight

Twenty-two student pilots sponsored by British Airways will graduate from Britain's two biggest air training schools next month and immediately join more than 600 qualified pilots who are out of work...... Page 5

#### Quake toll

Rescuers dug through devestated villages searching for survivors and victims yesterday as the death toll from the earthquake that struck eastern Indonesia .... Page 8 reached 1,232 ...

#### Yeitsin gains

President Yeltsin emerged battered but temporarily bolstered from a weekend of frenetic dealmaking, aimed at calming Russia's political and constitutional crisis with an agreement that freezes the balance of power between the president and the parl-... Page 8

#### Jets demand

Britain will come under pressure this week from America and France to support military action against Serbs in Bosnia by enforcing the "no-fly" zone with jet fighters authorised to shoot down Serb aircraft and heli-

#### Experts clear the air on car pollution

Monitoring of car pollution needs a radical shake-up, according to a report by a government-appointed group of scientists published today. The network of stations monitoring car exhaust fumes, now prompting health concerns of a kind once associated with London smogs, is too small and backed by inadequate research, specialists say ...........Page 4



Image maker: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, inspects his make-up before a BBC television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby

tions for improving companies' financial reporting may have to be. strengthened or abandoned unless their reforms are accepted and hold sway, Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the Financial Reporting Council, Page 36

med: Mounting concern that French and American resistance could still cause the world trade talks to founder have been firmly dismissed by Arthur Dunkel, director-general of ... Page 36

Crisis of texts: British managers are losing faith in their employers. In the struggle to survive recession, companies are alienating key managers by overloading them with work and ignoring their legitimate concerns over promotion prospects and career development... Page 33

Football: Raymond Chandler or Frederick Forsyth could not have devised a bouer finish than the one in which Mark Walters, a substitute, scored two stunning goals in the last 12 minutes at Anfield as Liverpool enjoyed a scintillating 2l victory over Blackburn Rovers ... Page 23

Boxing: Nigel Benn made a successful defence of his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title with an eleventh-round stoppage of Nicky Piper, the Welsh challenger, at Alexandra Palace on Saturday Page 24

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Secrets of success: A special report shows that British companies are beginning to discover that total quality management can result in unexpected benefits, including cost savings, greater efficiency, customer satisfaction and even an increased market share Pages 16, 17

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pin's Shakespeare: The 16thcentury playwright, Lope de Vega, wrote 40 times as many plays as Shakespeare. His reputation is enjoying a revival here ....... Page 29 | fose pregnancy......

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Playing the part: Prime Suspect stunned audiences not only because it showed a woman doing what had been thought of as a man's job but also the difficulties of a career woman's personal life. But series such as Juliet Brovo and Cagney and Lacey had gone before. Sharon Gless, who played Cagney, talks about the role of women on television Page 10

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at newly qualified doctors and finds 90-hour working weeks taking their toll (BBC2, 7.50pm) Page 35

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#### On from Edinburgh

Once the treaty is in its proper place, the EC might at last begin to think seriously about more weighty matters, beginning with its relations with the wider world and the widening war on its southern doorstep .....

#### Longer school hours

Extending the school day is a more attractive answer to the timetable squeeze and one for which useful models exist on the Continent and closer to home ....

#### That certain smile

Ambiguity, ambivalence and mystery are characteristics of great works. Art must transcend experience. The secret of the Mona Lisa's smile is safe for eternity .... Page 13

#### MATTHEW PARRIS

Politics, like love and the theatre, requires from us a continuous and energetic suspension of disbelief. This is tiring, for the moment the effort is abandoned all is lost. You can never reconstruct a broken illusion, and a trivial moment can prove quite shattering. Thus it proved for me, last week, with the

#### BERNARD LEVIN

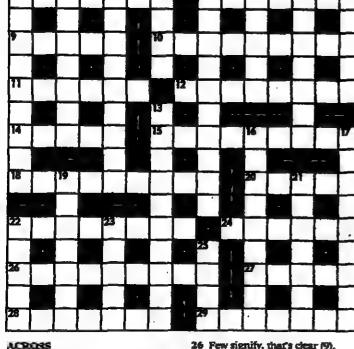
This triffing, instinctive and proper action by a responsible, honourable teacher should have been applauded; even if a reprimand was thought appropriate, it should have been given privately, unofficially and with good humour. Instead, a teacher is sacked and I have to go in to bat for him, if only because it seems nobody else will ..... Page 12

#### PETER RIDDELL

The harmonious outcome to the Edinburgh summit offers John Major at least the hope that the constraints of Maastricht may be removed next year. Once the process is complete, he will have greater freedom to concentrate on other matters, such as the balance of his cabinet and future strategyPage 12

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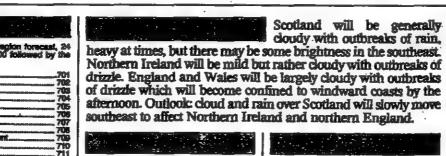
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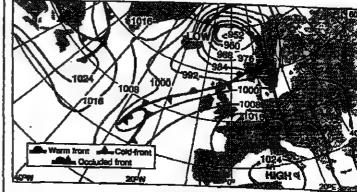
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**MONDAY DECEMBER 14 1992** 

England player's international career on the line after flare-up at White Hart Lane

# Wright may face FA action over punch

IAN Wright, the Arsenal forward, could face a lengthy suspension if the Football Association decides to take action against him for apparently punching David Howells, the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, in a Premier League match at White Hart

Lane on Saturday.

Any official punishment could also jeopardise Wright's England career. The FA insists that players serving domestic bans should not be considered for international

Graham Taylor, the England manager, is also reluctant to pick anybody with disciplinary problems. He has stressed on numerous occasions that his players have a special responsibility to behave, on and off the pitch.

Mike Wilmore, the FA public relations manager, said yesterday: "We are aware of the situation and will be having a look at the video in the next few days. Only then will we decide what action, if

any, needs to be taken."
Wright, 29, became involved with Howells in the 66th minute of a keenly contested north London derby, which Tottenham won 1-0 and which produced five bookings and was littered with numerous fouls.

Howells made an innocuous challenge from behind and Wright reacted by turning and hitting him with a right

Although Alf Buksh, the referee, appeared to miss the incident, he warned both play-ers. Howells was not injured and neither was cautioned but evidence later showed that Wright connected with his punch and was fortu-

nate to escape a dismissal. Paul Davis, a chibmate of Wright's, was found guilty after trial by television four years ago. He clashed with Glenn Cockerill, the Southampton midfield player, who received a fractured jaw.

Arsenal manager, claimed he did not see the Wright-How-ells flare-up. "How can I be expected to comment on something I haven't seen," he said. "I'll be looking at the film because there were a lot of things going on that I didn't like. Ian's temperament is something he's working hard on but it is difficult because he gets maximum publicity what-

ever he does." Wright, who has scored 11 goals this season, hurried away from White Hart Lane after the match. "Everyone is always having a go at me just for the sake of it," he said.

Ray Wilkins and Alan Hansen have called for Wright to calm his impetuosity. There is no place in the sport for what he did." Hansen, the former Liverpool and Scotland defender, said. "He's got

to control his temper or he's going to get into big trouble." Wilkins, a fellow BBC football analyst, and now captain of Queens Park Rangers, said: What he did was unacceptable. He's got to sort himself

Wright has won five full England caps but has yet to score a goal for his country. He joined Arsenal from Crystal Palace for E2.5 million last year and is no stranger to

He was fined £1,500 by the FA in January following a fixture at Oldham Athletic. He was alleged to have spat at an Oldham supporter.

Wright has also been pic-tured apparently aiming an elbow at Scott Fitzgerald, the Wimbledon defender, in the 3-2 defeat at Sellmrst Park in September. Ken Monkou, the Southampton centre back. also accused him of "intimidation" when Arsenal lost 2-0 at

The Dell just over a week ago.
Arsenal have collected 34 bookings this season, including 26 in the Premier League, but have yet to have a player

George Graham, the Allen's goal decisive, page 23

# TV incriminated Davis Flash-point: Wright lashes out at Howells during Arsenal's match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Saturday

#### called for and used against him by the FA. Davis, 31, a former England B interna-

PAUL Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, received a record nine-match suspension and was fined £3,000 by the Football Association in football's first trial-by-television case four years ago.

Davis was charged with bringing the game into disrepute after an incident with Glenn Cockerill, the Southampton midfield player, in a first division match in September 1988. Cockerill suffered a broken iaw. Although Davis was not booked, filmed evidence was

Liverpool

Blackburn Rovers ...

BY STUART JONES

THERE was no room for

sentimentality at Anfield yes-

terday as Kenny Dalglish

returned to his spiritual home

for the first time in an official

capacity. There was little room

for anything else until Mark

Walters scored the first of his

two goals in a vibrant closing

Before being greeted by the largest crowd of the Premier

League season, Dalglish, the

quarter of an hour.

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

tional, has not played for Arsenal this season because of long-term injury. George Graham has had to

contend with a catalogue of disciplinary problems in his six-vear spell as Arsenal manager. Tony Adams, the England central defender, was iailed for drink-driving two years ago and Kevin Camp bell was banned and fined £1,800 for a similar offence a

Blackburn Rovers manager,

lounged in the foyer of a ground that had been his

work place for 14 years. There,

in contrast to the gaunt figure

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As well as reacquainting

himself with familiar friends,

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Dalglish's initial appear-

he was relaxed and

Liverpool spoil Dalglish's return to his spiritual home "After last weekend, though, I Liverpool took the lead then would have been disappointed if we hadn't got anything out

He effectively turned the game by sending on Walters midway through the second half. By then, Blackburn, having frustrated their opponents, were beginning to dismantle them. Shearer, Newell, Cowans and Wilcox all threatened

did so and struck an upright.
The arrival of Walters allowed Barnes to wander into a more liberating central role, where he had been so effective in the closing stages of the Merseyside derby a week ago.

to best Hooper before Newell

They worked hard, they

are aggressive and they are difficult to beat," Graeme Souness said of the side built

by the money of Jack Walker

and by the astute brain of his

former colleague, Dalglish.

and repeated the feat in the 77th minute with a strike of stunning quality.

Walters cut inside a tiring May and unleashed a drive that he later described as the best goal of his career at Antield. The equaliser was, if anything, even better. Shearer hooked the ball spectacularly over his shoulder to claim his twentieth goal of the season.

"We knew we'd let one in as soon as we'd gone ahead." Souness said in jest. Although his young side yielded two against Everton, they showed admirable character to claim a winner against Blackburn.

completing an extraordinary nine minutes and spoiling Dalglish's day. McManaman at last man-

aged to thread a low cross beyond the far post, where Walters was lurking. He swept in only the seventeenth goal to be conceded so far by

They remain fifth, a pos-ition that will satisfy Dalglish at the end of the inaugural AL LIFE CRILL OF THE TRAUBURAL
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Lewis's hopes starting

> By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

to fade

LENNOX Lewis's hopes of persuading Riddick Bowe, the world heavyweight boxing champion, to defend his title against him, as has been ordered by the World Boxing Council (WBC), appear to be fading.

Bowe's manager, Newman, said on Saturday that he had agreed terms to make two defences for HBO, the American cable television company, after Lewis's negoti-ating team had rejected an offer of \$3 million.

Lawis, who subsequently agreed to box for \$3 million, claims that he has been turned down again by Newman. Lewis is becoming resigned to winning the WBC title by default, and has been thinking of making his first defence against Alex Stewart, a Londoner boxing out of New York, who has been stopped by Mike Tyson.

Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, said: "We are fed up with chasing someone who doesn't want to fight us and is degrading the title. Everybody knows Bowe signed an agree-ment to meet Lennox. He can't go on running forever. The way Bowe is going, one day he'll end up losing the title for not much money.

In desperation, Maloney has taken to parading a man dressed in a chicken costume and introducing him as Riddick Bowe, the world champion, at his boxing

However, so many discussions have been going on at press conferences in New York and London since Bowe won the title, in November, that there seem to be some crossconnections in the lines of communication.

Bowe, in London to present the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award, said yester day: "It's not me who's chicken; I'll fight him anytime." Newman is expected to make a statement today at a press conference in London.

Benn takes time, page 24

#### Whitakers lead way in Paris

JOHN Whitaker and his brother, Michael, took the leading two places in the the Paris Porte de Versailles

Show yesterday.

John, on Henderson Milton, captured a £20,000 prize when he led Michael, on Midnight Madness, home in the timed jump off. He also picked up a £35,000 Renault car as top rider in the show's three event challenge

Michael's second after he brought down a fence in beating his brother's time, was worth around £14,000. He also finished third in the top rider series.

Michael's Veronique was one of three British riders out of luck in the Volvo World Cup qualifier in Geneva. She just failed to get into a jump-off contested by 18 when she had a fence down on Fol Amour.

The event was won by Philippe le Jeune, of Belgium, on Roby Foulard's Shogun.

#### this is not a valuable misprint. Unlike the stamp on the left,

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They were always very generous to me when I was here as a

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From the collection of the American philatelist Major Starr, "major star" would certainly be an apt description of this fine and sought-after misprint. Particularly since it was sold at Sotheby's for twice its pre-sale estimate.

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David Hand

# Stich cashes in on return to form with \$2 million haul

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MUNICH

MICHAEL Chang described it as just another tough day in the office. For Michael Stich. winner of the \$2 million first orize in the Grand Slam Cup here, it was the most profitable working day of his life.

In purely financial terms, which is how this tournament is still measured, the German won \$7,700 for each of the 127 minutes he took to beat Chang yesterday, reducing the cheque for \$445,000 which accompanied his Wimbledon title last year to mere bagatelle. His average reward over the six days was \$3,552 a minute. Stich, though, is wise enough to separate paper value from

"I would be much happier winning Wimbledon for \$10,000 than this for \$2 million, but as long as there is this money in sport, not just tennis, vou cannot blame anyone for taking it. The grand slams are always the most important, no matter how much money is involved," he

Pete Sampras and David Wheaton, Stich's predecessors as Grand Slam Cup champidecline in their careers after banking their money from Munich. Stich, older and wiser, sees his victory here, only the second of the year, as the springboard for a renewed challenge on the grand-slam titles next year. "It gave me back my confidence. That is its true value. It doesn't change this year. I'm still ranked 15 in the world," Stich added.

Victories over Stefan Edberg, Richard Krajicek, Pete Sampras and Chang this week, all above him in the rankings, represents a belated step forward in a year largely spent on the retreat. For the first time, against Sampras in a bitterly contested semi-final. and then vesterday in a more straightforward 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Chang, Stich has begun to resemble the flawless and confident character who swept to the Wimbledon title

18 months ago. Yesterday, his volleys were powerful and his backhand too smooth, even for Chang's remarkable speed and stamina. Chang, in contrast, looked jaded after spending three hours and 39 minutes subduing Goran Ivanisevic in the semi-final and could not find any foothold in the match. Like last year, when he was on court for four hours and 42 minutes in beating Ivan Lendi and had nothing left against Wheaton, the little American was a step slower than usual.

It would have been better to have had a day off, as you would in most grand slams, but tiredness was not a major factor. He just forced me to hit better and better shots," he

That extra pressure might have explained why Chang, who is generally as reliable as a Swiss watch, made an uncharacteristic number of unforced errors. He changed racket, stood a foot inside the baseline to receive Stich's service, chased forlornly along the baseline, even tried the odd serve and volley, yet only once managed to disturb

Stich's calm progress.

Having broken Stich for the first - and, as it proved, the only time - in the third set, he immediately dropped his own service to love on a double fault. Any doubts Stich might have had evaporated and, with his sixth break of the match, he completed a German double, just three weeks to the day after Boris Becker had won the ATP finals in Frankfurt.

Surprisingly, given the home interest, the Olympiahalle was not full for the final. But Stich's win will do no harm for the long-term security of the event - particularly as it broke the American stranglehold. In the absence of Jim Courier, the Australian and French Open champion, the organisers might have to look at the prize-money structure for the future to encourchampions to play or persuade the ATP to award computer ranking points. "It is up to the players to exert the pressure," Axel Meyer-Wolden, the pro-

☐ Britain were beaten 2-1 by Sweden, the top seeds, in the semi-finals of the European team championship in Trieste, Italy, on Saturday.

BY CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

THE 15 senior Hull Kingston

Rovers players on strike may

find getting a place in the first

team a greater problem once

they decide to end the strike

In running Leigh desperate-ly close at Hilton Park yester-

day, the cobbled-together side,

consisting of two directors'

sons and most of the club's

Academy under-18 team; cre-

ated more raw-knuckled pas-

BY A CORRESPONDENT

IN PERPIGNAN

WALES'S first visit to France

their first victory there since

clearance being charged down

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Sheffield: Tries: Plange (2), Price (2), Jack Goals: Aston (5) Dropped goal: Aston. Leeds: Tries: Harriey (2) Mercer Goal. Vo Att: 4,000.

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Taking stick: Stephen Smith, of Whitley Bay, is caught by Steve Cadieux, of Cardiff Devils in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup

# Chinn leads way as Cardiff pack powerful punch

BY NORMAN DE MESOUITA

CARDIFF Devils beat Whitley Warriors 10-4 to win the Benson and Hedges Cup at Sheffield Arena on Saturday, If their coach, John Lawless, is to be believed, it was the first step towards achieving ice hockey's grand slam, with

the Heineken League and Championship to follow. According to Lawless, this is a better Devils team than the one which did the double

three seasons ago, mainly

sion and commitment than

their senior colleagues have

mustered in losing all but two of their previous 11 matches

in the Stones Bitter

Both qualities, normally in-

herent in sides coached by

George Fairburn, have evano-

rated during the dispute that

has pitched players against the

weeks. It also threatens Hull

KR's survival in the first

division, with their occupation

of the only relegation position

the dispute being resolved

There seems little chance of

after defeat by Leigh.

championship.

because of the progress which has been made by their Welsh youngsters. One of those, Nicky Chinn, lead the way on Saturday with three

His first came during a crucial spell late in the second period when the Devils turned a 3-2 deficit into a 4-3 lead while one of their imports, Steve Cadieux; was spending 12 minutes in the penalty box.

This brought about some shuffling of the forward lines,

RUGBY LEAGUE: BONUS DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED AT PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB

Striking contrast from scratch Hull KR side

ing next week, and probably beyond. In supporting Hull

KR's return this season to the

old system of paying for results 3

and doubling winning money to £400 per match, the players feel they have been let down by

the offer of a three-year con-

tract, with the help of business

sponsorship, to Dean Clark, a New Zealand half-back who

While this issue was the

catalyst for the strike called at

the weekend, a resolution

appears to hinge on the pre-

cise amount of bonus money

reportedly due at the end of

the season and payments to

and worked to Cardiff's advantage. Whitley fell apart in the final period, which Cardiff won 6-1.

The first period, during which the teams shared four goals, gave no indication of what was to come and, if anything, the Warriors had the edge with the fast-breaking Scott Morrison and Claude Dumas giving the Cardiff defence some uneasy

The Warriors took the lead for the second and last time

recent sale to Halifax of the

Great Britain wing. Graeme

The waters are further mud-

died by Hull KR's financial

position. This has become

marginally less desperate with

the abolition of new contracts

and a sale of land for super-

market development. An un-

sought a takeover bid, but is

insisting that the club first be

striking players. Their repre-sentative, Wayne Parker, said:

"We've had so many promises

and seen them broken."

None of this impresses the

put in liquidation.

for Whitley, said that was midway through the second no surprise when the legality of his stick was challenged by period, when the Devils were short. David the Warriors midway Longstaff, Whitley's man of through the final period. The the match, scored on the challenge was unsuccessful. resultant power play. But then came Chinn's Whitley were a man short as

intervention, as well as a fine goal by Ian Cooper, and the Devils were on their way. Another local youngster. Jason Stone, started the rout in the third period, but the sweetest goal of all was the second for Hilton Ruggles. Ruggles, who used to play

said last night: "This dispute is

nothing to due with Clark or

any players, but how we pay bonus money. An offer is there

Lowe, whose son, an ama-

teur, was pitched into the

game, declared himself more

satisfied with events on the

field. After two tries by Clark

Chaffield one of four contract-

ed players available, the visi-

Leigh have their own prob-

lems, namely possible eviction

from their ground in the new

year. Street, at prop, was their guiding force and second half

tries by Pendlebury, David Ruane and Baldwin put a tidy

gloss on the score until late

tries by Liddiard and Leighton

confirmed that despite any-

thing else, Hull KR do have

SCORERS: Leight Tries Pendiebury (2). Street, D Ruane, Beldwin Goals: Tanner (5), Dropped goal: A Ruane. Hue KR. Thes: Clark (2), Liddlerd, Leighton Goals: Chatfield (4)

promise for the future.

for them.'

a result and Ruggles scored with the stick in question 23 seconds later. "It is my first major trophy and it was good to win it against the Warriors." Ruggles said.

SCORERS: Cardiff: N. Clentr. (3), 5 Cadeux (2), H. Rupplen (2), J. Stone Cooper, D.McEwen, Whitley: S.Morrean, J. Jedale, G.Dumas, D.Langstaff

SKIING

## Girardelli moving nearer record

Alta Badia, Italy: Mare Girardelli boosted his hopes of a record fifth overall World won a giant slalom here yesterday. Victory gave the Austrian-born skier, who competes for Luxembourg, 100 standings, ahead of the Norwegian. Jan Einar Thorsen.

Girardelli, an all-rounder, skied two immaculate races for the 37th win of his World Cup career. He recorded a combined time of 2min 46.25sec, beating the unheralded Frenchman, Alain Feutrier, into second place by 0.50sec. It was a great performance by the 24-year-old Feutrier, who has fought a successful battle against leukaemia.

The Italian, Alberto Tomba. produced a typical surge to hoist himself from seventh after the first leg to third, 0.06sec behind Feutrier.

On Saturday the Austrian, Leonhard Stock, in his seventeenth season on the World Cup circuit, rolled back the years to win the downhill race at Val Gardena, Italy, Stock,



#### Sasslong piste in 2min 01.90sec to deny William Besse, of Switzerland, his second victory there in two days. Besse claimed second place in 2:02.24 with A.J. Kitt, of

United States, finishing third It was only the third World Cup win of a long career for Stock, winner of the 1980

Olympic downhill gold medal

at Laike Placid.

RESULTS: Men's glant stelom: Yesterday:
1, M Grandell (LLP), 2mm 46.25sec; 2, A Feutino (Pr). 246.75; 3, A Tomba (I), 246.81; 4, P Accola (Switz), 246.88; 5, M von Gruenigen (Switz), 246.98, 6, F Mybring (Swel), 247.58, 7, S Locher (Switz), 247.82, 8, H Pieren (Switz), 247.67; 9, F Subpebar (Austral), 248.00, 10, J Walfrer (Switz), 248.00, Men's downfall: Saturday: 1, L Stock (Austral), 248.00, 10, J Walfrer (Switz), 2502.64, 4, 11, 125.202.56, 4, Grandell, 202.30, 6, M Lothenegger (Austral), 202.47, 8, A Skaardas (Nor), 202.56, 7, U Lehrmann (Switz), 202.77, 8, H Hoterhier (Austral), 202.78, 9, D Mahrer (Switz), 202.57, 5, F Duncan, 207.48

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U Vall. Colorado: Miriam

□ Vail. Colorado: Miriam Vogt, of Germany, won the first World Cup downhill race of her career on Saturday. The 25-year-old, in her sixth season, recorded a time of Imin 42.06sec.

Her team-mate, Katrin Gutensohn, was second in 1:42.80 and the Olympic champion, Kerrin Lee-Gartner, of Canada, third in 1:42.93. In all, five Germans won places in the top 10. Wort places in the top 10.

RESULTS. Women's downhill race. Saturday: I. M Vogi (Ger) 1 min 42.05oec; 2 K.

Gutensohn (Ger). 1 42 80, 3 K. Lee-Garmer (Can). 1 42 93. 4. K. Seconger (Ger). 1 42 94. 5. A. Hase (Austria). 1 43 19. 6. H.

Lindh (US). 1 43 27. 7. R. Haeusi (Ger). 1 43 38. 8. B Sadleder (Austria). 1 43.43. 9.

U. Stanggassan (Ger). 1 43 47. 10. H.

Zutbriggen (Switz). 1 43 58. World Cup:
Overalit. 1. P. Wicerg (Swet). 23 105: 2. A.

Wachter (Austria). 205: 3 Vogi 155: 4. A.

Coberger (NZ). 140. 6. U. Maier (Austria). 136. 6. J. Pansren (US). 134

FOOTBALL

#### Players attack racism

footballers carried out a week- at the club in June. end of on-field demonstrations against racist abuse and All Italian first and second

division players yesterday took banners on to pitches condenining verbal assaults on black players and neo-Nazi violence around stadiums. Ruud Gullit, AC Milan's

black Dutch player, called for action after he was harassed at a game in November. The players association made yesterday a day of protest. Another black Dutchman.

Aaron Winter, who scored in Lazio's 3-1 win over Inter Milan, had his house daubed with anti-semetic and other ahead. (Agencies)

Rome: Italian and German racist slogans when he arrived

In Germany, where African players have complained of abuse and discrimination, all clubs replaced the name of their sponsors on their shirts with the slogan, "My Friend is Foreign". One bears said Is Foreign". One banner said: "A Germany without foreigners is like a piano without keys." At Bayern Munich, children of immigrants marched on the pitch while the crowd sang "Why Can't We Live Together".

São Paulo beat Barcelona

2-1 in Tokyo yesterday to win the world dub championship. Rai scored twice after Hristo Stoitchkov had put Barcelona

McCarthy is suspended by **British board** 

Steve McCarthy, the former British light-heavywight champion, has been suspended for three months and fined £1,000 by the British Boxing Board of Control. McCarthy was disqualified in the third round of a bout with Darius Michalczeski in Hamburg on September 29.

Following reports from the German federation, the Southampton boxer will be also be banned from taking part in contests abroad sine

die.

Billy Schwer, the British

for nearly 12 years provided products of excellent approach work, with John Devereux 1970 and encouragement for the national squad's future. Wales coped well with the and Kevin Ellis closely involved throughout. Paul Monarty and David Young in early shock of Phil Ford's the pack were instrumental in laying the foundations for RESULTS AND TABLES

to produce a French try for Gilles Dumas, the captain. first, from Allan Bateman, then Devereux finished off a They replied within five minfive-man move, Rob Ackerutes and two more tries, a 100 man added the third. per cent conversion rate from Gary Pearce and a dropped France came back strongly goal was an ample cushion.

last year.

Wales hang on to survive late French rally

to score through Demacedo down the left wing and sturdy defence from Ford and Dever-The Welsh tries were all eux prevented another try as the hosts found a second wind. Any hopes that the French revival was to be short-lived were dashed by a ferocious onslaught on the Wales de-

SECOND DIVISION: Bramky 16 London Crusaders B. Featherstone 24, Oldham 20, Huddersheld 19, Swinton 12, Rochdale 26, Corliste 18

fence in the second half.

THIRD DIVISION Barrow 18. Doncaster 28. Chorley 16. Barloy 30. Devictory 52. Highlield 12. Hunslet 22. Blackgool 10. Fagilley 8. Wintelleven 21. Workington 42. Revetale York 10

BCORERS: France: Tries: Dunias, Demarcedo, Garcia; Cremoti. Goela: Tessere, Wales: Tries: Batemen, Deversur, Advarman, Goela: Pearos (3). Dropped goal: Pearos.
PRANCE. J Prisson (Viletranch): C Strient (St Gaudens), P Chamonin (St Estave), P Fages (Pa), J-M Carcia (St Estave), P Garcia (St Estave), P Garcia (St Estave), P Garcia (St Estave), D Dunias (St Gaudens), L Démacedo (Pugnon); B Llong (Mi Catalan), P Torrelles (Pa), G Delpech (Carcasonne), R Clarite (Carmes), D Cebestimy (Mi Catalan), M Tyssers (Carcasonne)
WALES: P Ford (Saford), A Hadiey (Widnes), A Bateman (Warmoton), J Devereux (Widnes), A Sulfivan (St Helens), G Pearos (Pyedde-York), K Elis (Warmoton), D Young (Saford), D Bishop (London), I Menfow (Hulf), P Monierty (Widnes), R Philips (Warmgton), R Acterman (Saford).

# Chaffield (4) LEIGH: D Tanner: B Ladger, D Ruane, S Mahon (sub. A Robenshawi, D Hill: S Martin J Donothus; J Costelio (sub. J Elas), A Ruane, T Street (sub: J Costelio), J Elas (sub: A Cotler), S Bardwin, J Pendlebury HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: D Loddsard, J Barlworth, C McKeough, N Wardrobe, B Sodge (sub. A Lowe) D Clark, G Chaffield, W Jackson, R Chambertan, A Lowe (sub: G Brown), D Gotts (sub: C Hardy), C Hardy (sub: S Robson), J Leighton. Sheffield break duck

LEEDS plunged into deeper trouble as the Sheffield Eagles scored their first win over their

Yorkshire rivals, 31-14. In the eighth minute Gibson and Innes combined for Hanley to score the opening try for Leeds but Sheffield were level when Plange raced away to touch down and Mark Aston converted.

Then Jack, the Australian international, weaved through slack Leeds tackling for a try. Aston again added the points.

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and grabbed another with a dropped goal from 45 yards. in the second halfMercer scored a try for Leeds and

tried to pull him down. lead with a disputed penalty before Mycoe set up Plange for his fourteenth try of the season. Price picked up two

Hanley's strength took him over as four Shelfield players

Aston restored Sheffield's late tries as Sheffield romped

#### Hardcastle ploughs to title double

Swimming

By CRAIG LORD

AS HER rivals raced, Sarah Hardcastle was training for another day. She had done enough in the morning heats at the Optrex national shortcourse championships yesterday.

tors fought hard to level the score to 12-12 at half-time. Having entered as only seventeenth fastest after a sixyear break, the latest British record-holder to make a come-back had to wait until the afternoon to see whether her 8min 41.30sec swim was a good enough to clinch a second title. Her first had come on Friday in the 400 metres.

Hardcastle is not one to court attendance on her rivals. While Samantha Foggo toiled to first place in the final heat in 8min 46.72sec, the woman who won two Olympic medals at Los Angeles in 1984, aged 14, was ploughing the waves in an adjacent pool.

Had it not been for Hardcastle's efforts. Mark Foster, with four titles, one of them won in the only Commonwealth record of the championships (and one of ten British records set), would have shone most brightly. Helen Slatter also collected four titles, the 200 metres butterfly and 100 metres backstroke, within 20 minutes of

each other.

Adam Ruckwood was another of the teenagers to impress. He won the 200 metres backstroke in a British record of 1 min 57,75sec. Runner-up was Martin Harris. who set four British backstroke records on his way to winning the 50 and 100 metres.

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SQUASH

#### SPORT IN BRIEF lightweight champion who

meets Maurizio Aceves, of Mexico, at Wembley on Thursday, must defend his title against Paul Burke, of Preston, by the end of March. ☐ Mickey Rourke the American actor-sportsman, won a points decision over Terry Jessmer, a former Canadian middleweight champion, in a four-round bout in Oviedo. Spain, in which both were constantly jeered for their poor

Organised chaos

Motor rallying: The Bandama, the Ivory Coast rally, has been deleted from the world championship next year because of bad organisation. It is the nation's only top international sports event.

#### Duty bound

Rowing: Ron Needs, the new chief coach to the British women's squad, honoured his duties as coach to the Cambridge University women's blue boat and was at their trial races this weekend. Floodwater caused a switch of venue from Henley to Ely and the embryo boat race crew outpaced their lightweights and reserves over several minutes. BLUE BOAT: E Wright (Honerton) K Wiemer (St. John's) R Kelly (St. John's) E Mauwdaley (St. John's) C Besnop (Pem-broke), H McGrath (King's), C Gladdin (Sidney Suspect, P Graham (Queens'), cov R Marsh (St. John's)

Younger blood

Olympic Games to Munich in and François Petit.

#### pic Committee. He was replaced by 63-year-old Walther Troeger, the committee's general secretary.

1972, has resigned after more

than 30 years as president of

the country's National Olym-

Back on track Speed skating: The British team of Matt Jasper, Jamie Fearn, Nicky Gooch and Wilf O'Reilly retained the European short track championship in Sweden yesterday.

On the up

Climbing: France took the top two places in the men's World Cup finals at the National Olympic Games: Willi Indoor Arena. Birmingham Daume, 79, who took the through Jean Baptiste Tribout

# Martin defeats Dittmar

ond Hong Kong Open title with a 12-15, 15-13, 15-14, 15-9 victory over his compatriot. Chris Dittmar, the top

seed, yesterday. Martin, the No. 2 seed and champion in 1986 before Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, began a run of five successive triumphs, put the loss of the first game behind him to win in impressive fashion. Dittmar, in his fourth Hong Kong Open final, was always under pressure from the former world champion, who displayed tremendous touch at

the front of the court. The match turned on the final point of the third game,

Hong Kong: Rodney Martin. when Martin bravely elected to play straight out at 14-14. He won the point with a fierce drive and a fired and despondent Dimmar put up only token resistance in the fourth game.

"Everything seems to have clicked for me this week." Martin said, "I've felt good and really keen to play. I was hitting the ball ensply today and managed to control the centre of the court."

Dittmar was shattered by the loss to his great rival. "Even after I won the first game I never felt on top," he said. "He had me under pressure all the time. I could not get him from the front of

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David Hands, rugby correspondent, declares a draw as the dust settles on a stand-off between Andrew and Barnes

# When a team isn't big enough for the both of them

The man from Laramie met the Cisco Kid at the Kingsholm Corral on Saturday. When the gunsmoke cleared, they were both still standing. Damation. another script that

More prosaically, the man from Grays (Essex) met the Richmond (Yorkshire) kid, in what some chose to see as a showdown for the right to wear England's No. 10 shirt in the five nations' rugby union championship in the new year. It was a scenario fuelled by the media but scarcely regarded by the England selectors in the same

Stuart Barnes, he of Grays, but recognised farther and wider as the presiding genius at Bath, captained the South and South-West to victory at Gloucester in the ADT divisional championship match against London, led by Rob Andrew, once of Yorkshire but now of Wasps, via Cambridge University, Nottingham and Toulouse.

The two were born within three months of each other in the winter of 1962-3 and have been doorned over the last decade to duel endlessly

throughout their senior rugby careers.
If duel is the

The two were born within three months of each other in the winter of 1962-3 and been capped eight times for have been doomed over the last decade to duel endlessly England, Andrew 50 times. throughout their careers Some duel. Yet still the argu-

ment rages: that Andrew lacks lustre: that Barnes is the better runner, the more engaging player, that with him at the helm. England would be twice the team. It is mere speculation, moreover speculation that insults the ability Andrew has shown in the highest company.

That same company has been largely denied Barnes, who was treated with disdain by the national selectors eight years ago. He was picked against Australia in 1984 in a makeshift side, and was promptly dropped after Andrew had sparkled alluringly in the University match. But when Andrew could not tour New Zealand in 1985, Barnes went and played

outstanding rugby in a mediocre team. He was dropped again. It must have been enough to make him wish he had opted for Wales, in whose schools teams he had played so well that he was invited to join the senior squad in 1982. The Welsh cherish their stand-off halves. They are the players around whom dreams are weaved and stories told.

Welsh stand-offs cock a snook at the world. They learn to sidestep at birth. They are cheeky, irreverent, they walk with a bow-legged swagger, they are the matadors darting to either side of the bull before planting another dart, and if the bull happens to be English so much the better.

Max Boyce sang about the factory somewhere in the Welsh valleys that produced No. 10s to order. England never possessed such a factory. England's history is stuffed full of great players but the ones that get remembered are invariably forwards — there must be something in the national psyche which makes the English love the hulks rather than the

hipsters in the back division.
You may talk of Wavel Wakefield and Tom Voyce, of Eric Evans and Budge Rodgers, of John Pullin and Bill Beaumont and voices rise in affectionate reminiscence. It is never quite the same with the backs, despite the maestros such as Jeff Butterfield and Peter Jackson, the meteroic Richard Sharp or the electric Keith Fielding. And when it comes to half backs, it is the scrum half who

dom partner.

Andrew's appearance against South 49th at standinternational

was at full back, in 1988, against Fiji, when the stand-off was . . . yes, Barnes). That is 27 more times that the next most capped standoff. W. J. A. Davies. Moreover, Andrew has made a singular contribution to England's emergence from the dark days of 1981 to 1988, to the heights which they

now occupy.

That Barnes might have done the same, given the opportunity, is unarguable, but the fact is that he did not and now Andrew has what Barnes can never have - international experience aplenty. He will have to play very badly — or be run over by a bus — before Barnes gets

On Saturday there was no sign of that happening. In so far as the South-West won 26-24, then Barnes could be said to have earned himself credit. But Andrew scored 19 of his side's points, including a delightful try, to leave an enormous imprint on the

u vans. which is always a rash thing to do



Match within a match: Barnes gets to grips with Andrew at Kingshohn on Saturday, but the England incumbent kept his reputation intact

dependent upon the collective. then neither player outshone the other, although it may be regarded as significant that Barnes, the runner, kicked more frequently than did Andrew, the kicker.

That is where figures do not tell the whole story. The ball came to Barnes 32 times during the match; he passed 13 times, kicked on 15 occasions,took a tackle once, and ran three times. Two thirds of those kicks came in the first half, when London enjoyed the territorial advantage and had come to dominate the lineout. Barnes was therefore obliged to try to create

Possession came Andrew's way in rugby, where so much is 27 times. He passed the ball 16

times, kicked on only seven occasions, was tacked once, and ran three times. That betrays the nature of the game London were trying to play; ignoring the diffi-cult playing surface, they ran as often as they could, sometimes with a full-heartedness which ultimately cost them the match and, possibly, the championship, although there remains one more round to go. But by doing so, they put pressure on the South-West. who conceded a series of penalties which Andrew kicked, including

Not all that either player did was would admit, found himself the Avon as opposed to Gloucestermeat in a flankers' sandwich early

one from 49 metres.

on. Andrew will still be kicking himself for his ill-conceived dropout: it was gathered in by Nigel Redman, Barnes scuttled through the gap and Phil de Glanville sent Jeremy Guscott over for the try which reduced the difference to one point.

If Barnes had an advantage on persuaded others to do, but herein lies an historical connotation which has nothing to do with Andrew. The South-West have long been the also-rans of the divisional competition. The players believe in their clubs, not in something dreamed up by adminshire or Somerset.

Reading..

Barnes was one of those. But he has recognised that the way to advancement is via the divisional championship, made himself available this season and brought the best out of colleagues who now want to play divisional rugby rather than merely endure it.

"What Stuart has done is not only his playing but the way he has demanded a hard, steely point from the players," Keith Richard-son, the South-West coach, said. "It's something I can't do. Players have been told they have to be honest with each other and give everything. Swart has done that and, for us, it might be the missing

Barnes has even used the exodus from the Pilkington Cup of Bath, Bristol and Gloucester as a motivating tool. At Bath, he is player. organiser, public voice and maybe destined to be a leading club official when his playing days end.

A massive influence. But so is Andrew. No club at which he has played has been untouched by his personality: neat, unfussy but uncompromising. At Toulouse they loved him. London would not weekend until he had been consuited. Even after 50 caps, he is still refining his game. If the evidence of this season can be relied upon, both he and Barnes believe they are the best.

South-West close to title, page 25

#### SHINTY: MUDDY CONDITIONS CREATE MATCH-LONG INTEREST IN LEAGUE

# Oban recover two-goal deficit to better Inveraray

By COLL MACDOUGALL

WHILE Kingussie strolled to a semi-final place in the Bank of Scotland McTavish Cup against Kilmallie with a 6-0 victory over Lochaber, the results of the Marine Harvest League matches at Bishopbriggs, Oban and Drumnadrochit — all played in what can be described only as melting mud - hung in the balance until the final

Glasgow Mid Argyll set off at a ferocious pace against Kyles Athletic, the South League champions, in the hope of catching them cold,

but poor finishing destroyed the advantage they gained from four corners in the first four minutes.

Graham However, Digman, their most impressive forward, left Ken Mac-Donald, Kyle's goalkeeper, no chance in the tenth minute.

The Tighnabruaich side, stung into action, levelled when Tom Whyte's hit-in completely deceived Ian Sutherland and they dominated thereafter with Neil Nicolson taking full advantage of a defensive blunder to put them ahead after 20 minutes.

The city side, which had always looked dangerous breaking away, forced the equaliser on half-time when Murdo Ferguson made full use of a well-taken Allan MacInnes free hit, but while the second half provided much high quality action, the ball was buried too often in the mud for a clean winning hit.

There was much drama at Mossfield Park, where Oban Camanachd, the league leaders, found themselves 3-1 down to inversity after 20 minutes. Gary MacPherson's scored twice in the first ten minutes only for Dougie MacIntyre to pull a goal back immediately, but Ernie Crawford added a third for Inversity while his side was ramoant

Against the run of play. Davie MacCuish, the Oban captain, snatched an opportunist goal, and Gus Camp-bell, who had threatened on several occasions, outwit his marker to equalise just before half-time.

Thereafter, Oban dominated. MacCuish put them ahead and completed his hat-trick after Watt had again provided hopes of an upset for Inveraray.

Despite recent indications that Newtonmore appear once again to be a threat to Kingussie and Fort William.

they foundered badly in the last half-hour of their match with Glennrauhart at Drumnadrochit, allowing their opponents to add three goals to the two they already had to inflict an unexpected 5-3, defeat.

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READING romped into the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup yesterday after an uncertain start against Indian Gymkhana, who had taken a 2-0 lead within 22 minutes of a fast and exciting game.
Paddy Osborn scored four

Indian Gymkhana ...... 2

By Sydney Friskin

brilliant goals, converting three of Reading's five short

STOURPORT and Slough were eliminated in the fifth

round of the Royal Bank of

Scotland Cup yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Stourport lost on penalty strokes to

Guildford and Slough were

Stourport fell two goals be-

hind as Berry and Restell

scored in the first half. Sherwany, in the 49th minute,

and Knott, in the 52nd, put Stourport back in the match,

but Guildford won the penalty

Chris Roberts put Beeston

through in the 67th minute.

Hounslow, the cup holders, beat Harleston Magnies 6-1,

with Hacker scoring twice, but

Teddington, last season's fi-

nalists, advanced with a sole

stroke shoot-out 5-3.

beaten 1-0 by Beeston.

corners and adding another

Reading rally behind Osborn

HOCKEY

from open play.

Gymkhana lost control of a match on which they anpeared to have taken a firm hold, but once Reading had drawn level, there was little that could be done to restrain the home side. Gymkhana were unfortunate to have been reduced to ten men, because of temporary suspensions, when

and third goals. Within 11 minutes of the start, Gymkhana were ahead.

Grinstead easily beat Shef-field 3-0, and Gannen scored

all three goals for Hampstead and Westminster, who held Northampton Saints goalless.

Hounslow consolidated

their Pizza Express National

League leadership with a 4-0

victory over East Grinstead.

who were still without Leman.

enhanced by the 2-1 defeat of

Southgate by Stourport. Tom

White obtained the winning

goal with barely a minute left.

4-1, with Avery scoring twice.

Havant defeated Cannock

Hounslow's position was

Reading scored their second

Jaswinder Hanspal found its way to Kulwinder Soor, who scored with a strong hit. After a shot by Kulbir Bhaura from a short corner was saved by Taylor, Ghymkhana went further ahead, Kulwinder Soor scoring his second. Osborn, who had missed a

made amends two minutes later by earning a short corner and converting it himself. Reading's pressure intensified in the second half and, in the 46th minute, Osborn levelled from another short corner. In the 56th minute, Osborn

chance in the 28th minute,

broke free on the left and dispatched a centre to Barber. who put Reading ahead with a powerful shot. Four minutes later, Osborn increased the lead from a short corner and Gymkhana were left with little

As the end drew near, Tapsall set up a chance for Goldring to score the fifth goal and Osborn rounded off a fine afternoon's work with a shot high into the net from Wyatt's centre. Gymkhana, however, attacked strongly in the dying minutes and came close to scoring from the first of two short corners.

When the teams met early in the season in the league. they concentrated on defence and the match ended goaless. READING: N Taylor, C Oscrott, D Barbor, C Cockman, T Adby, H Hoskin, J Wyset, J Goldring, S Tapsail, C Kessel (sub T Jackson), P Osborn.
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Hanspel.
Umpires: M Galliven (Wales), N Lockher (Western Crumbles)

#### Swinnerton demonstrates gap in class

IT SHOULD have been plain sailing for the national league

Swinnerton hitting the target nine times as they thrashed

ninth place in the first divi-

sion. However, with two goals from Sue Holwell and one from Gill Moss, Leicester ended their goal drought, a 3-0 victory emphasising the difference in class between the divisions.

Cambridge City earned the dubious honour of being the first league side to go out. Propping up the second divi-sion, they had not scored this season before yesterday, when they broke their duck. It was to no avail. Dulwich defeating

#### CRICKET

# Taylor puts Australia on top

Adelaide: Australia moved to the top of the World Series Cup table with an eight-wicket victory over Pakistan here yesterday. Australia needed 196 from 47 overs to win the rain-affected match, a target they achieved for the loss of only Boon and Taylor.

Taylor, the man of the match, contributed a patient 78, which included just one boundary. The stand-in Australian captain kept his unbeaten record intact with two wins and a tie since taking over the leadership from the injured Allan Border last

Boon helped set the foundation for the innings with a solid 40 and Dean Jones finished unbeaten on 48.

Pakistan struggled for much of the game. Wasim Akram provided one of the World Cup champions' few bright spots with a blistering innings of 36 from 15 balls. He hit two towering sixes, one straight down Adelaide Oval over long leg — one of the longest

boundaries in the world. The loss ended a dismal weekend for Pakistan; who succumbed in spectacular fashion to West Indies on the same ground on Saturday, losing by four runs after

looking almost certain to win. The match was also affected

Pakistan, needing 178 runs from 42 overs, cruised to 148 for three in the 36th over, with Javed Miandad, contesting his 200th one-day international, and Inzamam-ul-Haq at the crease. West Indies then snatched the seven wickets for 25 runs in six overs. Four of the dismissals were to run-

The West Indies fielders made life hard for themselves and unbearable for their bowlers when they dropped five chances early in the Pakistan innings.

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Man of the match: C L Hooper. Yesterday
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#### Free-scoring Mahanama seals one-day series Kalpage, G.P. Wildramseinghe Anurasin did not bed. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, E-120. Colombo: Sri Lanka scored a 31-run win over New Zealand

in a day-night match at the Khettarama stadium here yesterday to take the three-match one-day series 2-0. Sri Lanka won the second one-day match at the Saravanamuthi stadium on Saturday by eight wickets, while the first match was abandoned due to rain. Roshan Mahanama, the Sri Lanka opener, scored 84 not

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# CUP RESULTS: Pith round: Guitdord 2, Stouport 2 (Guitdord won 5-3 on penalty strokes); East Grinstead 3, Sheffield 0; Cartedury 1, Cannock 3; Reading 6, Indian Gymthana 2; Hampeted and Westminster 3, Northampton Sants 0; Seeston 1, Stough 0; Hatesden Magpee 1, Hounslow 6; Issar 0, Teddington 1. McGuire goal against Iscar. match that. The league lead-

Stourport and Slough

go out in cup upsets

clubs in the third round of the All England Women's Hockey Association Cup yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes). With the field down to 64, the big names took on the minnows in their first cup matches. Of the first division clubs, Sutton Coldfield were quick to find their form, with Jane

Harrow 15-0. Few teams, however, could

ers. Ipswich, took time to find top gear against Woking Swifts, managing only one goal before half-time. After the break, they eased to a 4-0 victory. Sarah Bamfield scored twice, with Lucy Youngs and Karen Larbey also on target.

The draw did the second division clubs few favours. Trojans, who head the division, thought they had a chance against an out-of-form Leicester, who languish in

# Fry a folk hero in Barnet's bizarre football tale



Fry: unsacked again

cloth-capped hero saluting the fans, loathed millionaire chairman sulking in his mansion — and in another way it is one of sport's recurring morality plays. Or, to put it a third way. Barnet 2

Barry Fry — he of the cloth cap — began his post-match press conference in song. Top, top, top of the league! Eh? Eh? Tommy Docherty once said, "I'll talk to anybody. On any subject. Which is always football." It is the same

If Fry was a stick of rock, it would say "football" all the way through. Everyone in football has a Fry story. Manager of Barnet for 14 years. Remortgaged his house to help the club. Once signed George Best for Dunstable shortly after Best's first and most dramatic fall from grace, revealing an unfailing instinct for publicity, chutzpah, football and footballing

My own favourite Fry story goes

n one way this is an everyday story of footballing folk — was a lad of 38. Even then with Barnet. Had a heart-attack. Ten days later, back at the club. Still manager. Well, player-manager. Picked himself as substitute. "A lot of people think I'm a bit crazy," Fry said. "But I'm totally committed to Barnet."

Heart and soul, as it were. This is a club with very recent traditions, and Fry is practically all of them. He has long ago broken all the sound barriers of footballcraziness. So, for that matter, has Barnet FC. That had happened long before Saturday, when there was yet another twist.

Fry was sacked last spring during the play-offs, and was reinstated. He was sacked again a fortnight ago, for telling the press that the chairman should leave the club. Banned from home games, Fry turned up at last Saturday's game — away, Halifax 1, Barnet 2 — watched from the terraces, and was, inevitably, lift-ed shoulder high by fans. Players wanted to stage a bringSimon Barnes delves into the strange goings-on

at Underhill, where life is not always as it seems

back-Barry strike, but Fry publicly advised against it. He wanted them to be top, top of the league, didn't he? On Saturday, I arrived at Barnet's ground — it has the Tolkienesque name of Underhill — expecting to see all kinds of loyal supporters demanding the return of Fry:

Instead, Fry was back. Football's favourite hobbit had been unsacked yet again. Cap over his eyes, arms aloft to the crowd, three points, a lot of running up the touchline in celebration, hugs and high-fives, top-top-top, etc, and, in the end, a few comments to the press. "I think at would be better if the chairman sold his controlling interest in Barnet

No doubt Fry wil he sacked again this weeks and perhaps unsacked in time for Saturday's game. "When he sacks me, I done

normally take no notice. Just turn

up for work heat day. Only this time it was in a registered letter."
He is, of course, Stan Flashman. chairman of Barnet and renowned ticket tout - sorry, broker. "He should be remembered for saving Barnet Football Club when no one wanted to save it." Fry said.

It was a nice story at the time. A ticket tout is one who sees sport as a commodity, and heart-and-soul devotion to sport as something to explort. A tout is sport's cynic, one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. To a tout, Fry and the fans are mugs. "The Barnet fans don't matter," Plashman once said. Fry and Flashman are at opposite poles of sport one all passion, the other all calculation. The tout has no heart.

But Flashman swooped in bought up Barnet — hardly the act of a canny bottom-line business-

man — and the club has waxed and prospered. Like a robber baron endowing the local monastery, Flashman did the Right

Thing and Barnet FC was the beneficiary. But it has all gone sour. The promise of the Eighties has given way to the realities of the Nineties. (Tell me about it. I hear the world respond.) For this is the

decade in which we must not only relearn the value of many things we must also pay the price for the previous decade. And so carrion crows came to roost on the dreams of the Eighties, at Barnet as elsewhere. Rows over players' wages. A £50,000 fine by the Football League over accounting irregularities. The chairman whacking a photographer or two. Now the tax

home in Totteridge. Many a dream of the Eighties has perished in such circumstances. "I have discussed the

people are investigating matters after visits to Underhill, the club's

accountants and Flashman's

question of a take-over with Stan Flashman," Fry said. "The problem is that his valuation of the dub is likely to be different to

other people's. Trouble is, we've become a bit of a joke in football. No one knows whether they can take us seriously or not. Stan Flashman has put up the backs of too many people in high places. But Barnet Football

club is bigger than me, and bigger than Stan Flashman." It is still not very big. Needless to say, there are various local "consortiums" keen to buy into the club, eager for a knockdown price and a taste of glory. "My consortium would turn Underhill into a seven-day fun palace for all the residents of Barnet," one consortium person said.

Meanwhile, Flashman remains indisposed behind the walls of his own Tudor fun palace. Fry continues to manage: "I reckon to last till next Wednesday, anyway." And Barnet continue — against all the odds — to play football. Rather a good game, actually,

# United do enough to suggest they can go the distance

Norwich City... By PETER BALL

BACK in February, Eric Cantona arrived at Elland Road just in time to play a significant stroll-on part in Leeds United's championship. His performance against Norwich suggested he could make an even more important contribution to Manchester United this season, but on Saturday's evidence he is not going to solve their biggest problem, a lack of goals.

Like Arsenal a month ago. United are strongly fancied to finish above the rest. Well, we know what has happened to Arsenal, but United's win over Norwich, cutting the East Anglians' lead to five points in an exhilarating game, was convincing enough to suggest that they could go the distance.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "We knew it was a game we had to win, even at this stage in the season. It was important they don't get too far ahead."

United's win ensured that. lead to provide some consolation for their manager. Mike you are losing it's more impor-

Losing their play-maker, their foot in."

Crook, after only 17 minutes, Norwich lacked some of their usual threat. Mark Robins getting only one chance on his return, but they revealed their faith in the eternal verities of good passing and movement backed by good support work. For all United's greater individual flair, in many ways Norwich looked the more solid team, but United created enough chances to have won with more to spare.

Central to their creation was Cantona, who took to "the theatre of dreams" with élan, a fantasist in his element. For all their outstanding talent, Hughes, Sharpe and Giggs too often play like soloists lacking a common theme, and the absence of Robson, the usual conductor, made one fear the worst yesterday.

Instead Cantona stepped into the breach, giving United a leader of the attack in the old-fashioned sense, providing a fulcrum for their attacks, and keeping the line moving with his quick, often simple but perceptive passes as well as a repertoire of extravagant

Not everyone was convinced. Paul Ince said: "It's all shows Norwich with a healthy very well doing the flicks when you are winning, but when tant to have someone to put

week, and that's a game where you need players to put their foot in, and Robbo's the main man, so what's the gaffer going to do if he's fit?"

So far Ferguson has not had to face that decision. "I think Eric's a Manchester United player," Ferguson said, "he has special touches, but the most important ingredient he has given us is his vision, he started attacks out of nothing.

The simple passes produced a string of chances as United flowed forward on a broad front even with Bowen playing Giggs as well as any full-back has this season. But McClair, filling in selflessly in Robson's position, Hughes, Sharpe and Cantona himself all wasted glaring opportunities. But the force is with United

at the moment, or a new training routine geared to Hughes with an hour a day on crossing and shooting is having its effect. Sharpe's cross first took a deflection, then bounced off the unlucky Sutch to leave Hughes free with the sort of glorious chance he often puts into the crowd. This time he buried it. MANCHESTER UNITED: P Solymentel: P

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Loftus lament: Alan MacDonald, of Queens Park Rangers, rues the lost opportunities that allowed Crystal Palace to come from behind and win 3-1 at Loftus Road. Eddie generosity of the Wednesday McGoldrick scored twice after Rangers had wasted a hatful of chances in the first half.

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# Strachan steadies shaky champions

Sheffield Wednesday ..... 1

By IAN ROSS

THE influence of Gordon Strachan over more technically gifted yet less adaptable m-mates seems to be increasing rather than diminishing. If Leeds United are to salvage anything from the season it will be through the guidance and leadership of Strachan, 35.

Should he fail to meet the challenge, the Football League champions are likely to be cast adrift in a sea of mediocrity and self-recrimination.

After watching his side register, with some discomfort, only a third victory in seven weeks on Saturday, Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, marvelled at Strachan's insatiable appetite for

competition.
"I honestly do not know what to say about the man," Wilkinson said. "There were so many players of ability and potential out there on the pitch yet he was miles in front of them all in terms of his passing, his awareness and his desire to compete."

In a match marred by petty fouls and pedantic refereeing. Sheffield Wednesday might have become the latest side to expose Leeds's defensive frailties, but for Strachan's

Having declined several invitations to open the scoring.

when Woods, the England goalkeeper, made his way towards the penalty spot confidentily expecting to collect a Strachan free kick, only to see Pearson, his captain, inexplicably head the ball out of his

Leeds have not enjoyed much good fortune this season, but on this occasion the ball drifted straight into the path of Speed, who headed into an unprotected goal. Nilsson's even more fortu-

itous equaliser four minutes later, a weak and inaccurate shot which clipped the heel of Whyte, would possibly have altered the balance of power had Strachan permitted. But, two minutes after the

interval, the irrepressible Scotsman's creativity reached its peak when he raced down the right and rounded two defenders before delivering a near-post cross which Chap-man dispatched with a firm

A first senior goal in more than 12 months by Varadi, 11 minutes before the final whistie, sealed it and suggested that, perhaps, a psychological barrier had finally been breached

"If they played like that every week, they would be at the top of the Premier League," Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, said.

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Stevenage 2, Mariow 0; Sutton United 3,
Bromley 1, Wivernino 2, Aylesbury 1,
Wokingham 3, Basingstoke 1; Yeading 4,
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Wembley 0, Dorling 4, Aveley 2,
Heybridge 1, Tooting and Mitcham 2;
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Newbury 1, Southal 0; Ware 2, Epham 3,
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season for Kenny Dalgish's return, with 43,688. Gillingham's Scott Barrett became the first man to be sent off for the third time this season and a booking for Coventry's Robert Rosario meant the club finally went into double figures for principal.



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**SPORT** 

# Barnsley join elite band as Newcastle squander chances

Newcastle United.....0

BY IAN ROSS

IT IS almost refreshing to discover that Newcastle United are not quite the infallible force which their position at the top of the first division suggests. Yesterday, on a bleak and grey Yorkshire afternoon. they slipped to only a third league defeat of the season, succumbing to a competent

Barnsley side despite contributing some outstanding If nothing else, this defeat will remind Kevin Keegan's young side that you do not always get what you deserve. Victory for Newcastle would have taken them 15 points clear of their closest, but rivals. Tranmere Rovers. A defeat, however, must be regarded as an irri-

Newcastle, awash with creativity and exuding confidence, played particularly well, spending the opening half making a mockery of the adage which suggests that a

tant rather than a serious

playing against, rather than with, a strong wind. Newcastle are sufficiently proficient to base their midfield build-up on skill rather than physical presence. For lengthy periods, they threatened to sweep away their hosts, such was the arrogance of players who impatiently await the opportunity to prove their worth on a grander stage.

But for some uncharacteristically poor finishing, Newcastle would have accrued a potentially decisive advan-tage long before half-time. Between them, Lee and Clark drove wide of goal on five occasions when well-placed.

Only once during this per-iod did the visitors sucreed in landing an effort on target: Butler, the Barnsley goalkeep-er, turning Scott's fine header on to the crossbar.

To their credit, Barnsley accepted a supporting role only with great reluctance, and while initially restricted to infrequent counter-attacks, they began to prosper after correctly sensing that the heart of their opponent's defence was not quite as sound as it should have been.

Logic was turned on its head

game of so many chances yielded its only goal. Having raced clear down the left, Biggins despatched the ball to the far post where O'Connell arrived to score with a crisp

Newcastle's pursuit of an equalising goal was memora-ble, but Barnsley successfully clung on to join Grimsby Town and Leicester-City as the only sides to have defeated the side from the North East in the league this season.

BARNSLEY: L Butter, M Robinson, G. Pleming, C Bishop, G Teggart, B O'Connet, W Stiggris, A Rammell, J Penerson (sub. A Lokeli), M Redisean, O Archdeacon, MEWCASTLE UNITED: P Smicel; B Vanison, J Berselord, L O'Brien, K Scott, S Howey, R Lee, G Peacock, D Kelly, L Clark, K Sheedy

☐ John King, the manager of Tranmere, demanded a rule change after floodlight failure forced a premature halt to his side's match at Swindon Town. Tranmere led 2-1 through goals by John Aldridge when the match was abandoned after 51 minutes. When this happens, matches should be replayed from where they ended, not from the start," King said. "Aldridge tells me that happens in Spain. I'd have bet my house on us winning."

ition in the first division.

Since Allison took over as

chief coach a month ago,

Rovers have accrued ten

this rate by the time his three-

month contract expires Rovers

could be challenging for

It helped having the Indian

sign on his side yesterday. Since these two clubs resumed

hostilities in 1984-5, Rovers

had been unbeaten at home,

be it Eastville or Twerton. The

funny thing is that when the

helter-skelter of a derby game

# Rovers do Allison proud

Bristol Rovers.....

Bristol City.....0

By CLIVE WHITE

MUCH more of this and Malcolm Allison will have to get the fedora and camel-hair coat out of the mothballs.

it may not have been quite as high profile as victory in a Manchester derby but Allison enjoyed the adulation of the Bristol version all the same, leaving his seat in the stands to rapturous applause shortly after Rovers had rifled home their fourth goal.

This was a victory in the best Allison tradition, full of style, swagger and not least explosive finishing. The grandiose scheme of luring Johnny Ekstrom, the Swedish striker, to Twerton Park suddenly seemed superfluous.

Allison had recently been critical of the modern day footballer's shooting ability and he conceded that it was something he had concentrated on with Rovers in training.

"You've got to shoot more often to win games and be-sides it's what the crowd want

with the worst defensive record in either the Premier or Football League meant that they were able to haul them-

## Watford and Charlton let themselves down

WATFORD and Chariton Athletic falled to enhance their reputations at Vicarage Road yesterday in a dull 1-1 draw, screened live by London Weekend Television. ITV's viewing figures will surely fall way short of their intended target if the television company continues to make such uninspired selections.

Charlton took the lead after 27 minutes through Robinson, who slipped the ball beyond Suckling with Watford's defence horribly out of

Warford equalised in the 52nd minute, their first league goal in more than five weeks. It arrived courtesy of Hessenthaler's hanging cross. which was helped on by Willis and polished off by Charlery's volley. It was the striker's third goal for Watford since his E350,000 move from Peterborough United in October.

Leaburn nearly restored Chariton's lead with a header which rebounded from the

crossbar after Power had parted the home rearguard. Power then sent a shot whizzing

natrowly wide. It was refreshing to see Charlton play in traditional blue shirts with white collars and no obvious sign of a sponsor's logo. Definitely belonging to the shell-suit age, Warford's garish yellow, or-ange, red and black ensemble looked decidedly naff by com-

parison. Oxford United have been finding the net with such consistency lately that a goalless draw against Leicester City at the Manor Ground was probably the last result they expected.

Deprived of their leading goalscorer, Durnin, who was beginning a two-match suspension, Oxford were unlucky to run into a goalkeeper in the kind of inspired form Kevin Poole displayed. Poole, with a series of outstanding first-half saves, earned Leicester a point almost single-handed.

selves up to nineteenth pospoints from a possible 15. At

to see," he said. "I thought they were four delightful The prolificacy of the team

permitted it, City were the more constructive, yet it was Rovers who played with the greater self-belief.

A stunning goal from 35 yards by Channing — his third in three games - only reinforced that belief. City had failed to pick him up from throw-in, but since the No. 7 was playing at left back per-haps that was hardly

surprising.
A thumping volley by Stewart to a deep cross from Hardyman in the 66th minute put paid to City's growing confidence. Suddenly the force was with Rovers. Within two minutes Saunders had blasted one from 30 yards over the head of Welch and the rout was completed by Taylor after 78 minutes.

With that another rendition "Goodnight Irene" -Rovers' theme song - wentup but City had long since got the

BRISTOL ROVERS: B Parkin; I Alexander, A Tilson, S Yetes, P Hardyman, M Browning, J Chenning, M Stewart, J Teylor, C Saunders, G Waddock BRISTOL CITY: K Welch, G Hemison, M Scott, B Kristensen, M Bryent, R Osmen, G Shelton, J Dzieleanowski, L Rosenior (sub: M Allson), A Coke, R Edwards (sub: M Gavin).

Leeds United have reopened negotiations with Parrik Andersson, the Swedish international defender, who recently declined an invitation to join the champions.



# Walters steps in to supply perfect finish

BY NO means all of the Premier League programme has produced premier foot-hall, but none could ask for better than Liverpool's scintillating victory over Blackburn Rovers yesterday. Raymond Chandler or Frederick Forsyth could not have devised a finish in which a substitute, Mark Walters, should score two such stunning goals in the last 12

The ultimate, pulsating anxiety preceding the second was precipitated by another fine goal by Shearer, a breathtaking book on the turn that was no less than Blackborn deserved after 20 minutes at the start of the second half in which they might have buried Liver pool's suspect central

Were it not for the trembling uncertainties of Mark Wright, Liverpool would have to be considered, on this evidence, still a long shot for

Blackburn's ambitions and reconfirmed that the era of Graeme Souness's manage ment, though plagued by injuries — the latest to Burrows and Hutchison - carries still the stuff of dreams that has typified Anfield for 30 years.

The substitution of Walters for Rosenthal while Liverpool were being knocked from pillar to post, was the tactical turning point of the match. With Walters on the left flank, Barnes moved into the centre alongside Rush and began again to terrorise Blackburn's defence in the way be had intermittently in the first half. When Barnes swayed, Blackburn

It must have been sobering for Kenny Dalglish, returning to Anfield as a manager for the first time in a senior match since his departure, to watch a player as masterfully manipulating the run of the play as once he himself had



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same marvellous simplicity economy and had Dalglish's men swiping the air in vain. Yet it was a reflection of the instability of Liverpool's team formations through injury that through-out the first half, Barnes was conducting an itinerant verbal coaching course with the youngsters around him.

the emotional content of every event in the news, and Dalglish's return was artificially viewed as some kind of watershed, his rival on the touchline being greeted by an army of cameras. True, the demonstrative crowd on the Kop — the attendance of 43.680 was the league's highest of the season — gave him a returning hero's welcome,

'Souness, Souness" had begun even before the applause had finished. Nothing definitive was

refinement to be champions this season. But Blackburn came firstly to stop Liverpool playing secondly, to play themselves if they could. After an hour, with Atkins and his right back, May, marking Barnes, it looked as though Blackburn had achieved the objective.

Media attention overloads of efficiency and error. Marsh, who has so admirably filled the role vacated by Houghton, and the robust Rednapp are slipping into the traditional Liverpool rhythm in midfield; but up front yesterday, Rush could hardly put a foot right and Rosenthal was smothered by Blackburn's heavy men. McManaman was making

little impact on the right, and

of Barnes always threatened. half-time came and went without Liverpool asserting

proved, except that Black-With the change of ends. burn are physically aggres-sive and may lack the there was, it seemed a sudden profusion of those old fashioned Fifties-style blueand white quartered shirts commanding every yard of the field. Liverpool winced, and the crowd went quiet. It was not the first of Walters's goals that swung the match, for that had already happened. Immediately after Newell's shot reared up off the bar, Walters Liverpool were a mixture had made a half-chance for Barnes, who moments later ghosted along the byline to

real authority.

keeping out the shot. The crescendo was beginning. Walters's first goal was maybe one of the best moments he will ever know, and the second, from close-in. was the kind that can so easily be missed. It was an

float a cross on to Rush's head, Minnus somehow

#### Aston Villa capitalise on defensive deficiencies

MANCHESTER United's win over Norwich was well received at Villa Park, where Aston Villa took full advantage of the leaders' slip to move back into second place, five points behind, by beating Nottingham Forest 2-1 (Peter Ball writes).

On paper, the result seemed a foregone conclusion, but Forest once again played football out of keeping with their lowly position, a classic goal, created by Clough's diagonal long pass and finished with aplomb by Roy Keane, giving them an early lead. Then bad defending, which has led to their troubles, surfaced again, and goals by Regis and McGrath brought back grim reality after the 4-1 win at Leeds last week had hinted at a change of fortune.

Forest, as both Crystal Palace and Wimbledon won to move four points above them. Crystal Palace chalked up a notable victory against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road. Eddie McGoldrick scoring twice as they came from behind to win 3-1.

Wimbledon, watched by only 3,386, the Premier League's lowest crowd, scored five against Oldham, who have the division's worst defence. Ardley, taking advantage of Vinnie Jones's long throws, was twice on target, as was Holdsworth.

Everton failed to build on their win over Liverpool, going down at Sheffield United. Adrian Littleiohn pounced on Deane's header to bring United their first win in five games.

# Allen splits feuding factions

Tottenham Hotspur...... 1 Arsenal .....

By Russell Kempson

TOTTENHAM Hotspur and Arsenal served up 90 minutes of north London niggle, masquerading as Premier League pride and passion, at White Hart Lane on Saturday. Lovers of red meat will have gorged themselves, yet it was a dish so raw it should have been sent back.

The first illegal challenge — Howells on Hillier — came after 13 seconds; the first controversial moment - Austin's unpunished foul on Parlour in the Tottenham area in under two minutes.

More of the same followed, swiftly and with feeling. Ruddock flattened Wright, Howells and Wright exchanged

Sheringham, Jensen dis-patched Durie, Durie retaliated against Jensen, Ruddock pole-axed Parlour.

It was only after Tottenham's 21st-minute goal from Allen that Alf Buksh, the referee, ran out of patience. He booked Bould, then Durie, Adams, Ruddock and Jensen. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, was not taken by Buksh's display and will ask the FA not to give him any more Arsenal games. Predictably, the winning camp offered a more sympathetic judgment "It was a

difficult game to referee." Doug Livermore, the Tottenham coach, said. "It was fast and furious and there was a lot of pressure." Although not faultiess, Buksh faced an impossible

task in maintaining law and order. Wright's off-the-ball blow on Howells went without redress, bar a firm lecture; Buksh knew that something had happened, but did not see Graham should at least be

grateful for that and maybe address more pressing problems, such as his England forward's increasingly fragile temperament and Arsenal's fourth consecutive league defeat - their worst run for nearly 16 years.

Tottenham's aggression, when channelled correctly, and the acrobatics of Thorstvedt, their goalkeeper, earned them a rare and sweet Success over their great rivals. The rest of the afternoon was

distinctly sour.

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#### The defeat could not have words, Bould scythed down THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

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| 2 (+1) A.Villa    | 19   | 34  | +10          | 9  | (5-4) | 7                | (3-4) | 3              | (2-1)    | 30 (17-13)  | 20       | (11-9)  | Atkinson 11, Saunders 7 | -           | 10          | 26,861       | +8.2          | wwdww          | Man City (a Sat)   |
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| 5 (-1) Blackburn  | 19   | 31  | ÷12          | 8  | (6-2) | 7                | (1-6) | 4              | (2-2)    | 29 (18-11)  | 17       | (7-10)  | Shearer 14, Ripley 3    | 2           | 18          | 17,755       | +34.0         | ddidwl         | Sheff Utd (h Sat)  |
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| 9 (0) Liverpool   | 19   | 25  | -1           |    | (2-4) | 8                | (3-5) | - 5            | (4-1)    | 25 (11-14)  | 26_      | (14-12) | Quinn 6                 | -           | 10          | 13,987       | +0.8          | Add            | Liverpool (h Sat)  |
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TRANSFERS: Bontcho Guentchev (Ipswich) from Sporting Lisbon, fee undisclosed; Andrew Scott (Sheffield Utd) from Sutton United, undisclosed. LOANS: Paul Moody (Southampton) to Reading; Alan Dickens (Chelsea) to West Bromwich Albion; Zeke Rowe (Chelsea) to Woking.

#### Patience rewarded as Stoke's run continues

By Keith Blackmore

IF STOKE City win the second division championship, their supporters will have no trouble identifying the turning point in their season. When Stoke met West Bromwich Albion, then the leaders, at the Victoria Ground on September 19, they were seventh from bottom with seven points from seven games.

Stoke won a thrilling encounter 4-3, beginning a sequence which has brought 32 points from 12 games and given them a four-point lead. The latest success came at home on Saturday, 3-0 against Huddersfield Town.

It was not a pretty performance, but Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, did not mind. "You hope you can play well, but on days like today, three points is the main aim," he said. "We got the points."

The match was watched by 13.377, the biggest crowd in the division, but patience was required. It was not until the 75th minute that Ware, who had come on at half-time for Shaw, gave Stoke the lead following an error of judg-ment by the Huddersfield goalkeeper, Clarke. Ware later and Cranson completed the rout Stoke's local rivals may soon

be their closest pursuers in the league, too. Port Vale's 5-2 win against Preston North End at Deepdale gave John Beck a rude introduction to his new responsibilities. Each side had scored within

three minutes of the kick-off,

but it was not until the second half that the visitors really got started. Van der Laan scored in the 46th minute, and goals from Taylor, Porter and Fovle put the match beyond Preston. Hartlepool United were also slow to warm up on their visit to Plymouth Argyle, but they had a good excuse, hav-ing travelled 370 miles - the longest distance between Football League clubs. For a while, it looked as if they had made a pointless journey. They were two down within 20 minutes,

Saville gave them a point. Barnet's 2-0 win against Rochdale took them to the top of the third division as York City could only draw at home to Chesterfield. Shrewsbury Town moved into third place by bearing Gillingham 2-1, a result which sent the Kent club scored again eight minutes to the bottom of the league.

but goals by Johnrose and

#### Piper leaves WBC champion intent on meeting fewer tough opponents

# Benn takes time to call the tune

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

NIGEL Benn and his arch- I'm not playing that game any rival. Chris Eubank, may be following the same moneymaking path - that is, taking on only people they can beat but when it comes to giving value, there is only one man in it — Benn. Eubank's hit-andrun tactics make for a boring contest; Benn's two-fisted approach is always thrilling.

Benn's defence of his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title against Nicky Piper at Alexandra Palace on Saturday, coming as it did just two weeks after Eubank's defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) championship against Juan Carlos Giménez, of Paraguay, could not have made this point more

clearly.
Even if Piper, from Cardiff, was never doing quite enough to take the title from Benn, the contest was always interestingly poised, with Benn leading on the score-sheets of two judges. Piper on the card of the third: 98-94, 96-94, 95-96. You always felt that Piper, really a light-heavyweight, might turn the bout around at any moment with a wellplaced blow. But Benn was the favourite to land the first big punch and he did, in the eleventh, and sent Piper crashing to the floor. It only remained for the champion to finish the job in his usual storming fashion, with painful blows to the head in that round

So It was not surprising to find Benn claiming after the bout that he was a bigger draw than the WBO champion. "Give me a million and he can have the fight now," Benn said. "When I didn't have the title he used to ask for £1.6 million. I'm asking for £1 million. He's fourth division. I've got the Premier title."

Benn expects to box again on March 6. No opponent has been found. He has a voluntary defence period up to September, by when he must meet Henry Wharton, of York. the No. 1 challenger. Until then, he plans to "do a Eubank" by taking easy con-tests. "Like Eubank, I'll have a look at a list of ten names and maybe start fighting a bum a month," Benn said. "Eubank has had all the easy fights and I've had all the hard fights.

Benn boxed well against Piper. He never lost sight of his tactical plan of keeping the Welshman under pressure and kept up a hercely aggressive work-rate, bobbing and weaving under the bigger man's arms, shooting in the right through chinks in Pip-

Piper generally beat Benn to the jab, but he was never able to find the balance or leverage to land the big right with force and missed with both hands often. Had Piper been able to make a fight of it for the last three rounds, he might have pulled it off, but Benn drained his resistance with an on-slaught to the body in the tenth and eleventh rounds.

"I knew he'd give me a hard fight when I saw his body. I knew he'd word hard," Benn said. "I'm more mature, more relaxed. I didn't want to get back at him when he hit me. I took my time.

"It showed I can go 12 rounds if I have to Piper can dig. He hits harder than Eubank. I kept working to the body and I was hurting him. I thought the ref let it go on too

Taking !! rounds to subdue.

a light-heavyweight such as Piper was about right and good practice for Jeff Harding, the WBC light-heavy-weight champion Benn wants to meet. But his inability to trouble Piper earlier left most observers in no doubt that Bean would be stopped again by Eubank in a second

Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight who is on a list of potential opponents for Riddick Bowe, the world heavyweight champion, dis-posed of James Pritchard, from Louisville, Kentucky, in

two rounds on the same bill. Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, was on hand to see Hide floor the American with a scrabbling combination. But I do not think Newman was too impressed, as Pritchard is little more than a professional sparring partner these days and not too steady on his feet. He has been stopped by Gary Mason and cruiserweights such as James Warring and



# Wattana poised to join elite after victory against Davis

THE popularity of James Wattana in his native Thailand is so great that when he arrives at Bangkok airport tomorrow with the Coalite World Matchplay snooker trophy among his luggage, a Beatles-style reception will welcome home the country's iggest sporting hero. By collecting the £70,000

first prize with an impressive 94 victory over Steve Davis in Doncaster on Saturday, Wattana more than doubled the previous highest single tournament pay-day of his four-year professional career and carned a sum approximately 50 times the annual per capita income of his

has amassed £217,000 this season, is not motivated by money would be inaccurate. Wattana's mother, to whom he is devoted, worked hard managing a small snooker ball during his formative years and life was never

However, Wattana is aware that his latest triumph is more than finanienificant breakthrough after his capture of less important titles, such as the 1990 World Series Challenge in Hong Kong, the Strachan Open in March

Victory over Davis, on such a big occasion and in such an emphatic manner. is incontrovertible proof that Wattana, who is fifth in the provisional world rankings, possesses the necessary credentials to be the most serious overseas challenger for the world champ-

Waitana's manager, Tom Moran, a pragmatic, York-shire-born, Thai-based, businessman, has been loath to make rash statements about his client's provess. Yet Mocan is convinced that

and the Humo Belgian Masters last month.

ionship since Cliff Thor-burn of Canada, in the early

Wattana has joined Stephen

To say that Wattana, who

Hendry, John Parrott, Jimmy White and Davis as a member of snooker's elite. "I believe this is just a

springboard to even bigger things," Moran said. "We still baven't seen the best of Breaks of 84, 67 and 60, coupled with containing safety play, allowed Wattana to establish a 6-2 first-session lead, but Davis. who was attempting to end a frustrating 11-month spell

without a tournament success, fought back to 6-4. Then came the turning point. In the eleventh frame, trailing 48-44. Davis placed Wattana in an awkward snooker, with only one red left on the table. Wattana, with what he later admitted was a "hit and hope" escape. made contact with the red, which cannoned into the black and into the top left-

hand pocket Wattana cleared up to move 7-4 ahead and com-piled breaks of 38, 31 and 37 to win the next two frames comfortably. "The fluke didn't help my cause, but I thought the day be-longed to James anyway." Davis said. "He played extremely well."

#### CYCLING

Wattana: popular

#### World track championships go open

THE world track champion-ships will go open for the first time next year, creating the possibility that Chris Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion, could figure in an all-British final against Sham Wallace, the professional silver medal-wirmer for the last two years (Peter Bryan writes).

The mixing of amateurs and professionals was confirmed yesterday by Hein Verbruggen, the president of the Union Cycliste Internationale, who sat through eight hours of debate at the British Cycling Federa-

1993 world pursuit champ-ionship will be over 4,000 metres, the distance at which Boardman won his Olympic gold medal in Barcelona last summer. Until now, the pro-fessional title has been decided over 5,000 metres.

When Boardman was told of the new championship for-mat, he said: "That's fine by me. I have ridden at both distances

anyway." He broke the world 5,000 metres record at Leicester in July. . Wallace is racing in Austra-lia with the Lotos bike he used carlier this year.

From January 1, the world record books will not differen-

tiate between amateur and professional performances, giving Boardman absolute world marks for both the 4,000 and 5,000

Earlier plans to scrap three disciplines from the men's world track programme has been revoked, if only tempo-

Competitors at the championships in Norway next year will have a 250 metres time trial, 1,000 metres sprint, 4,000 metres pursuit, 4,000 metres team pursuit, 2,000 metres tandem sprint. I hour motor-paced, 40 kilometres points and a Kerin

# AMERICAN FOOTBALL ATHLETICS

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Garforth presses international claims in divisional side's commanding forward display

Johnson lifts Midlands above mediocrity

Midlands..... 16

By Peter Bills

THE Midlands forwards had so much possession throughout this ADT divisional championship match at Blundellsands on Saturday that the closeness of the final score was bewildering. Barring some notable exceptions, the standard of play was modest and the Midlands' chances of preventing the South and South-West clinch-ing the title outright next

Saturday must be slender. Midlands, not without alarms, eventually won by two tries and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals But when some typically poor passing by the Midlands backs, a consistently disturb-ing feature of the match,

allowed Rory Underwood to send his younger brother. Tony, streaming away to touch down early in the second half, the North led 13-11. Given the superior power and authority of the Midlands pack, this was difficult to tathom, yet it required a try by Martin Johnson, one of the developing talents of English

second-row play, to restore reality to proceedings. The match was, on the whole, a dull affair that flickered only intermittently into life. The North, most successful of all the divisions since the tournament's inception, possess the ability to strike on the wings, and anticipate much from the promise of Grayson.

This, however, was not a day for expansive backline play. The North never achieved the forward platform for that and the Midlands, who did, lacked the players to perform it. Dawson, whose lovely quick hands were as smooth as silk, is a talented player, but his lack of experi-



Hard to handle: Hill struggles to control untidy possession for the South-West during their divisional championship victory at Kingsholm yesterday

ence was apparent. Instead of keeping the ball in front of his dominant pack and playing off them, Dawson attempted to use a backline which was far

The North's scrummage was shown up for its inadequacies and in the loose, Richards and Back were peerless. Richards is no greyhound but few players would offer the British Isles such vigour for the requirements of rugby in New Zealand. The direct confrontation with Clarke, his international successor, in the divisional match next Saturday, should produce a compel-

ling contrast in styles.

Bayfield is troubled by a long-standing shoulder injury which flared once more, restricting his effectiveness for a time. But Garforth emphasised the continuing value of scrummaging power, especial-ly in a match which contained more than 30 set-pieces. If the England selectors insist on someone younger than Probyn, then Garforth already looks a more convincing tighthead prop than Ubogu. The early injury to Hackney did not help Midlands. Steele,

dropped from his position at stand-off half the previous week, came on at centre, with Packman reverting to wing.

Angell's only effective moment, an outside break, made a try for Potter and Steele's two subsequent penalties gave Midlands an 11-3 advantage, Grayson having kicked North's goal after two minutes. Grayson's second penalty and conversion of Tony Underwood's try, after a 65-yard run, gave the North an unlikely lead, but Johnson, driving over an excellent rolling mani

22-metre line, edged Midlands back in front and their forwards did the rest.

SCORERS: Morth: Try: T Underwood.
Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals:
Gayson (2). Middends: Tries: Poter,
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☐ Spencer Bromley's second try secured Lancashire a 23-16 victory over Yorkshire and their second victory in as many matches to take them top of the first division north of the ADT county championship. Comwall, leaders of the first division south, squeezed past Surrey 9-8 at Sunbury. Three penalty goals proved suffi-cient, despite a late try by the Surrey flanker, Paul Brady.

# Murphy remains optimistic over Ireland's revival

By Bryan Stiles

GERRY Murphy is an optimist - he has to be. It is a prerequisite of his new job as coach to the embattled Ireland national team and it was no surprise that he left this match at Rochampton with the makings of a smile on his face.

Others might have found it difficult to point to anything constructive that came out this scrappy inter-provincial game. except perhaps the lineout work of McKinty and the well-documented qualities of Staples and Geoghegan, but Murphy was happy it gave him the chance to mark the cards of a number of other

players. With Ireland whitewashed in the five nations' championship last season, humiliated on their tour to New Zealand and then swamped by Australia in October, they are in urgent need of a new plan and some exceptional players if they are to repeat former

The introduction of the Ex-iles into the championship this year should help as the team's researchers trawl through clubs in the home countries looking for players with Irish grandmothers. Ireland's playing base is so small that additional help from over the water is vital.

The Exiles certainly introduced a more enterprising approach on Saturday as they opened up the game in the last quarter in an effort to regain the initiative. Only resolute defence prevented them claiming victory. This, however, was their second defeat in the championship and they are out of the running for the title. Ulster have a remarkable

They are undefeated in 27 games and have taken the crown in the past eight years. This victory ensured they will at least share the championship with Leinster, their opponents in the final round of

matches next Saturday. If they beat or draw with them, they will win the title ouright. Perhaps that is another thing that is wrong with Irish rugby.

This game acted as an Ireland trial, which did not help the flow. With Noel Murphy, the chairman, and two other selectors watching. some players were inevitably more intent on furthering their own cause than contrib uting to the team effort.

The first half was a dismal affair, with the front rows of the scrum collapsing with tedious regularity and the rest

of the play just as irritating. The Exiles had taken a sixpoint lead by the 28th minute, with two penalty goals from Corcoran, but Russell gave his side a 9-6 interval lead with two penalties and a neatly taken dropped goal.
As the Exiles threw the ball

about late in the game, Harbinson intercepted a pass from Staples to race in under the posts. Sustained Exiles pressure paid off in the more exciting dying stages when Verling touched down from the back of a scrum.

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SCORERS: Irish Edies: Try: Vering Conversion: Corcoran. Parathy goals: Corcoran [2], Ulatar: Try: Harbrison Conversion: Russell Dropped goals: Russell Panally goals: Russell [2].

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four penalty goals and a conversion, played influential

Tony Stanger, the Scotland

wing, ran in South's only try.

but the Hawick player was

forced to retire with a shoulder

injury. Both of Edinburgh's

tries were scored by Jock Kerr.

who until the championship

was relatively unknown. Kerr

who plays in the third division

for Haddington, confirmed

the class he had shown against

the Exiles and could find

himself attracting interest

from first division clubs if not

the Scottish selectors, who

have the imminent task of

choosing their A team to play

Ireland A in Dublin on De-

cember 28.

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SCORERS: South: Try: Stanger. Convertion: Chaimers. Penelty goals: Chaimers.

(4). Edinburgh: Tries: Kerr (2). Convertion: Donaldson. Penelty goal: Donaldson. South: A Stanger (Hewick). G Townsend (Gala), G Shief (Melrose). I Tudnol Scelarki, C Chaimere (Melrose). G Armstrong (Jisd-Forest): G Isaac (Gata), I Corcoran (Gala), H Human (Gala). D Tumbul (Hewick). R Brown (Melrose). G Weir (Melrose). J Armos (Gala). O Hoog (Melrose). B Hastings (Watsonsens). D Witte (Stewart's Melville FP): A Donaldson (Curris). D Patinson (Edinburgh Academicals). B Brown (Boroughmuri, P Wright (Boroughmuri, P Wright (Boroughmuri, P Altken (Watsonsen)). M Russian (Watsonsen). A Medicand (Fatric's FP). J Robertson (Hefor's FP). D Jackson (Etimburgh Academicals). B Brown (Etimburgh Academicals). B Filesson (Etimburgh Academicals). B Rosen (Fatric's FP). J Robertson (Hefor's FP). D Jackson (Etimburgh Academicals).

#### originated by Richards on the Webb kicks South-West to within reach of title

South and South-West 26 London ....

> BY DAVID HANDS PLUTERY CURRENTONDANT

IT HAS taken the South and South-West eight years to reach a position where they could win the ADT divisional championship but finally they stand on the verge of doing so. If they beat Midlands, the champions, at Leicester next Saturday, they will take a title to which they never appeared to have attached much significance.

All of a sudden enthusiasm abounds, among the players

and the public; even the burghers of Gloucester, who France give old faces

new hope By CHRIS THAU

FRANCE'S selectors have made sweeping changes for the opening five nations' championship match against England at Twickenham on January 16. Only ten of the 21 players in the squad survive from the party employed when France were unexpectedly beaten 24-20 by Argentina in Nantes last month.

The veterans, Didier Camberabero, Franck Mesnel, Jean-Baptiste Lafond and Philippe Sella, who were dropped from the team last summer, are back in the Jean-François Tordo, the

Nice flanker, has been con-

firmed as captain, but in his original playing position at hooker. Laurent Seigne, the prop who assaulted a journalist in 1990, is back in place of the injured Philippe Gallart. Jerome Cazalbou, the scrum half who captained France Espoiros against South Africa in Bordeaux, is uncapped, while Stephane Ougier, his dubmate, won his first cap at full back against Argentina in

Buenos Aires. Robert Paparemborde, who has resigned as convenor of selectors, was demoted to the French federation's vice-president in charge of youth and schools.

Marcel Martin, the World Cup director, was promoted from federation secretary to vice-president in charge of international relations. The secretary is Jackie

FRANCE SOLIAD: Forwards: L Armary [Lourdes], L Seigne (Menigned), S Graou-(Auch), J F Tordo (Mos. captáin), F Landreau (Grenchie), O Rounest (Dav), A Benazzi (Agen), M Cecilion (Borgoln), L Capernes (Ricing CP), P Benation (Agen), E Mehitle (Toulon), Scram halfs: A Hueber (Toulon), J Cazalbou (Toulouse), Bacis: D Cambenabero (Bicherat), P Saire-Andre (Agen), F Mesnel (Racing CP), T Lacroix (Das), P Hortás (Bierdz), P Saire-Andre (Montderant), J B Latond (Bordeaut), S Cugler (Toulouse).

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include some of the most knowledgeable and forthright critics in the game, turned up at Kingsholm on Saturday and cheered on their division-

Mind you, they got their money's worth from a game which, in the first half, seemed headed London's way before the South-West set about clawing their way back from a 17-3 deficit.

They clinched victory four minutes from time, when Webb, from close to the touchline, thumped over the penalty which gave his team the game by a goal, two tries, and three penalty goals to a goal, a try and four penalties.

contests in the brief history of

the championship, particularly considering the muddy state the Kingsholm surface was in after the recent rains. But both teams possessed the confidence to run, or in London's case the over-confidence to do so, because one such foray paved the way for

Given that London were doing well at the lineout, a phase they took 21-13, but not so well at the ruck and maul. where Hall was in his element. it would have made sense to relieve pressure by kicking for touch rather than running from deep defence. That, though, is what this championship is all about, exposing This was one of the best players to decisions which may

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Beal's my.

This season it has exposed some promising youngsters too, Clark, Mallett and Crompton are all 22 or under but they have propped the South-West scraum, with Mallett left the field after

only eight minutes with a torn hamstring which will keep him out for five weeks but Crompton survived against last season's England front Beal and O'Leary both had their moments on the wing

and Snow, at the front of the London lineout, is learning rapidly. He scored the game's opening try after a horrid defensive tangle; London, with Andrew's three penalties opened a 14-3 lead by half-Their swift movement of the

ball caught the South-West off balance, not to mention offside, and there seemed no way back until the home side's strength in the loose at last helped them to a lineout on London's line and Langhorn's loose tap was gleefull by Robinson.

Beal beat Andrew into the corner to give the South-West the lead for the first time, only for Andrew to make something out of nothing by breaking blind for a try and conversion. Guscott's try cut the margin to one point and still London chose to run from their own line; by doing so pressure. Barnes kicked high and retrieved and London were caught offside.

Webb, the England full back and faration infallible on Saturday, kicked the goal when it mattered filest:

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Mallett (rap: D Compton), J Hall, N
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Moore (Harlequire), A Brow (Harlequire),
Sidmer (Blackfeeth), A Show (Harlequire),
Langtome (Harlequire), J
Caseoff (Samoons), D Hyan (Waspe),
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# Jones paves way for Llanelli's expansive display

Pontypool...

By GRRALD DAVIES

THIS match amply demonstrated, in technique as well as scoreline, the difference between the leading four clubs in the Heineken League first division and the rest. Llanelli won comfortably, by four goals, a try and a penalty to a goal and two penalties.

To begin with Llanelli had players — notably Jones, a valuable acquisition in the second row - who could

dominate the lineout. Then, having won the ball, they had the men elsewhere who could use it imaginatively. Williams, despite his errors, is an enter-prising full back; Boobyer, in the centre, is equally so. Simon and Nigel Davies supply the calm reassurance in the backline.

But the vital link between forwards and backs was supplied by Gary Jones, the flanker. Either with the ball in hand or moving into space to help others, he had a commanding influence. When the visitors did not impinge on the so much to do to cover flow. Llanelli kept the ball on weaknesses elsewhere that the run.

Bridges, who joined Pontypool from Neath, had his first game for a club who value their scrum halves more than most it is a more pivotal position at Pontypool than anywhere else in Wales. But Bridges will need, if he is to be at all useful, a good pack of forwards in front of him. Goodey, Davies and Meek are

POR the first time since February 5, Swansea do not lead

the Heineken League first

division (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). An eight-try blitz by Cardiff in their 46-12

defeat of Aberavon moved

Cardiff, who finished sec-

and from bottom last season.

have been guided by Alex Evans, their Australian coach-

ing organiser, but the addition

to the squad of Nigel Walker,

them ahead on try count.

they spread their own talents too thirtly.

Pontypool rely too heavily on the kicking abilities of Jones at stand-off half. He is no mean performer in this role either. One of his penalties flew between the posts from the halfway line but, more and more nowadays, tries are essential. Although Stephens, the

Walker paces Cardiff's scoring spree

sped away for four tries to take his season's tally to 18.

His fellow wing, Simon Hill, added three tries while

Adrian Davies, the stand-off

half, chipped in with a try and three conversions, taking his league total to 177, passing

Swansea had their stand-off

half, Aled Williams, to thank

for their 28-0 victory at

Newbridge. After notching the only points, a penalty, of the first half, Williams hoisted

Neil Jenkins's record.

Wales stand-off, opened pro-ceedings prosaically with a penalty, Lianelli began and ended with a tryscoring flourish. The first, which Stephens began in his own half, had Phil Davies, Gary Jones and Moon handling before the stand-off went over for the score. These players, as well as Lyn Jones and Huw Williams, were involved in an even longer movement which endwith Proctor touching down late in the second half.

two conversions and two more

penalties. David Roberts,

Newbridge's flanker, was sent

off for stamping.

Mark Pugh, the South

Neath, while Chris Morris,

ised by such brilliant movements followed by long periods when Pontypool gritted their teeth and hung on by their fingertips. Martin Jones's two penalties were the visitors' reward in the first half when Llanelli had added two further tries by Williams and Gary Jones. Stephens converted one of these. White scored a try which

Jones converted after a fortuitous movement which had included a knock forward but, as a result, lifted their supporters' hopes. But these were only false. They were not truly in the running and tries by Simon Davies and Proctor, both converted by Stephens, merely confirmed Lianelli's superiority.

PONTYPOOL: A Car; M Taylor, P Taylor, B Lawle, S Whee; M Jones, C Bridges; D Thomas, N Malek, L Mustos, S Jackson, L Mruk, C Crene, V Davies, R Goodley, Market D Davies (Carchridicht),

SOUPERS: Lianell: Tries: Stephens, G. Procto, 6 U. W. Lianell: Stephens, G. W. Lianell: Stephens, G. W. Lianell: Stephens, Portifypool: Thy White. Conversion: Jones Penalties: Jones (2).

LLANELL: H. Williams; S. Davies, M. Booblys, N. Davies, W. Proctor; C. Stephens, R. Moon; R. Evens, A. Lamerton, L. Deleney, G. Jones, P. Jones, A. Coprey, L. Jones, P. Davies. Wales Police prop. was sent off for fighting in his side's 35-5 defeat by Bridgend, Mark Rowley, the Pontypridd lock, was dismissed for a dangerous tackle on James Reynolds in his team's 28-15 losss at the Penarth prop, was sent off

#### Scottish Exiles.... BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

scrum half last season, helped North and Midlands cast aside one of the worst playing records at representative level in an unexpected win over Scottish Exiles at Northampton on Saturday.

North and Midlands, winners of the wooden spoon ten times in 11 Scottish interdistrict championships, handed over the unwanted prize to the Exiles, who finished bottom for the first time since entering under their former name of Anglo-Scots in 1981.

He scored two tries in three

minutes early in the second half but victory was not seline conversion by two metres with the last kick of the match. The Exiles fielded seven compared to the three for

North and Midlands, whose endearing qualities included a blunt refusal to buckle beneath a technically stronger

McIvor typified their spirit and Bell, the Highlands lock in his late thirties, featured in the move bringing a first try for NicoL An overhead pass from

Campbell, after David Mitchell had won a lineout, created his second. With the possibility of the

Irish provinces joining the Scottish districts in competition next season. North and Midlands can look ahead with anticipation rather than fear. SCORESS: Scottish Edies: Tries: Appleson, MacNaughton Conversion: Sty Penathy goal: Sty. North and Midlands: Tries: Nicot (2). Conversions: Easson (2) Penathy goal: Easson.

Penning goal Easton.

SCOTTISH EXILES (London Scottish un-less stated). M Appleacn; M Sty, F Herrold.

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NORTH ARD MIDLANDS: S Burns (Edinburgh Academicsle); M Cousins (Dundee HSFP), P Rouse (Dundea HSFP), R Shapherd (Edinburgh Academicsls); F Swarmon (Edinburgh Academicsls); F Swarmon (Edinburgh Academicsls); E Easson (Dundee HFSP); A Nicot (Dundee HFSP); Marson (Dundee HFSP); Rp: W Anderson, Kircsloy), M Scott (Edinburgh Academicsls), D Hartington (Dundee HSFP), D Mcivor (Edinburgh Academicsls), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), B Bell Highlands), D Mathell (Dundee HSFP), B Bell Highlands), D Mathell (Dundee HSFP), B Rellinger (Morgan Academy FP).

#### the former Olympic hurdler, has also played a part. Walker for fighting during the 16-8 defeat by **Lizadovery**. his tally to 23 with two tries, Kennard's poise steadies Somerset's challenge

Somerset Colts .....14 Yorkshire Colts...

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

BRYN Kennard was the first player at most things during the colts county championship final at Twickenham on Saturday. Standing firm at the back of the Somerset XV, he was first in the last line of a ferocious defence as Yorkshire strived to free their wings; the first to break the scoring deadlock, six minutes before half-time; the first to see kicks at goal go both in off and out

off (twice) the uprights; and

the first and only player to show assured maturity and

time to spare on the ball.

That last point says it all. As ever with age-group matches, the game was played at breakneck speed. Yet Kennard seemed to have that vital extra second as he effortlessly collected a series of high balls with the Yorkshire backs closing fast, and coolly sent them

back on their heels. He was even first on to the west concourse afterwards. "looking for my mam. I want to give her a great big kiss", he said. A refreshing attitude for a 19-year-old.

National Westminster shield

With Kern Yates, their committed captain, and Jon Shep-herd displaying the form that earned them England schools honours last season, Yorkshire seemed destined to collect the

as they dictated the first 20 minutes, but Somerset made first-time tackles count when they were vulnerable and confidence grew. James Naylor, Roclawski

and Scales, Yorkshire's potential match-winners, became increasingly less prominent. time and again they were robbed of possession and Pritchard, the Somerset standoff, got better and better at dealing with a less than perfect

service from Hirons. His back row started to blossom, and with half an hour gone. Yorkshire's reluctant need to run what would normally be convertible penalties - they fielded no specialist kicker - left them struggling to break a deadlock foreign to them after averag-ing of 41 points in their seven qualifying games. Having poshed his first

penalty attempt to the right, Kennard hit the lar post with a second, but made no mistake with the next, from 45 metres, to open the scores. Three minutes after the restart, he notched a second with the aid of the timber, and when Naylor, the Yorkshire full back, was caught behind his line by the Somerset back row, Richard Breden's record of a try in every match for Somerset this season was secured. Virtually from the restart,

body in white wanted the ball. But, with his own moment of genius, Pritchard landed a 30metre dropped goal and the moment had passed. The whole had again beaten the sum of the parts.

SCOPIERS: Somerest: Try: Bredon. Penalty goals: Kennard (2). Dropped goal:
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Culverheysane), L Hirons (Beth); N Tempest (Bristo), K McCormack (Beth), N
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M Roclawald (West Park Bramhope), J Mel
Doncastery, J Shepherd (Morley), A Hall
(Phomerisons); C Beldwin (Oiley), S
Knesle (Morley), A Raid (Citey), S
Brotherton (Laddin, N Hawilson (Aud., rep:
M Mills, Saby); A Ludiman (Harropiate), K
Yabe (Otley); B Naytor (Hull). Shepherd opened up the Somerset defence with a searing run which sent Brotherton in for a try and suddenly every-

#### face New Zealand while at half back Gary Armstrong, back to his best form, and Craig Chalmers, with

South earn right to

Edinburgh ..... BY ALAN LORIMBR

THE McEwan's Scottish inier-disinci chambionshib end ed satisfactorily for South, who, as title-winners, claim the promised prize of playing New Zealand next season. More universally satisfying was the quality of rugby at the Greenyards, which must have dispelled any doubts about the efficacy of staging a district championship. Nevertheless, there is continuing unease about midweek scheduling of

Edinburgh, having played a hard match against the Exiles on Wednesday, undoubtedly came into the championship's deciding game less fresh than their opponents. In addition, Edinburgh were without Stuart Reid, their No. 8, who had led the pack inspirationally against the Exiles and arguably would have been fit to play with a longer recovery

some of the matches.

Few, however, would begrudge South their win, albeit that Edinburgh finished 2-1 ahead on the try count. The South forwards, of whom Doddie Weir, at the lineout, and Carl Hogg, in the loose, had better control of the game,

# **Nicol inspires North** to surprise victory

North and Midlands ..... 17

THE benign influence of Andy Nicol, the Scotland

Nicol served notice that he is unwilling to relinquish his place in the national team now that Armstrong has recovered from knee ligament trouble.

cured until Sly missed a touch-Scotland squad members

# Halkopous heads champion pretenders

RACING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Gait, unraced over hurdles this time last year, yesterday began the serious business of defending his Champion Hurdle crown against a growing band of improving second-season jumpers with an eye on his

James Fanshawe's nine-year-old partnered by Graham McCourt, was schooled over nine flights of hurdles at Newmarket and is now on target to make his reappearance in the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton or the Bookmakers' Hurdle at Leopardstown.
As events at Cheltenham on

Saturday confirmed, this is the year of the improving young hurdler coming through the ranks to demolish the reputations of elders or, supposedly.

Halkopous followed the example set by Might Mogul to thrust himself to the forefront of the betting for the Champi-on Hurdle with a thoroughlydeserved success in the Arlington Bula Hurdle.

Backed down from 12-1 to 8-1. Mark Tompkins's six-year-old used his Flat speed to pull away comfortably from Granville Again, Morley Street and Oh So Risky.

Toby Balding, trainer of Morley Street, suggested after-wards that Halkopous had pinched the race because the riders of the three market leaders were too busy watching one another. I prefer the blunter post-race appraisal delivered by one sage, who commented: "A real trier beat

three high-class dodge-pots."

The ground undoubtedly suited Halkopous but Morley Street clearly needs everything to go right in a race to be seen at his best and the same may be true of his full brother, Granville Again, who has yet to prove he is a battler. Oh So Risky lived up to his name one day he appears very

2.15 Wheel Prosper.

3.15 Angelo's Double.

GOING: HEAVY



Another Coral, right, waits to pounce at the second last in the Tripleprint Gold Cup with, from left, Tipping Tim, Sacre D'Or and Second Schedual

useful the next he runs inexplicably below form. All of which begs the ques-

tion: is Halkopous good enough to win at Cheltenham Perhaps. We will learn more

when he contests the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 31 but. like last year, the Champion Hurdle picture looks likely to remain muddled to the end.

The great unknown con-cerns Vintage Crop, the Cesarewitch winner. If Dermot Weld's hurdler shows the same level of improvement as

2.15 Father Dowling

Mighty Mogul or Halkopous, he will rate a serious threat. The bookmakers are at sixes and sevens over the race, with Hills having Halkopous and Mighty Mogul sharing favouritism at 6-1, and four horses on 7-1 — Granville Again, Morley Street, Royal

Gair and Vintage Crop.
David Nicholson did not have a Bula runner and, while he was the first to point out that Halkopous did nothing wrong, his confidence in Mighty Mogul is unshaken.

"I have always thought he is pretty high-class and he will

go for the Spa Hurdle at Cheltenham in the new year, the Bishops Cleeve at the end of January and then, hopeful-

In the words of the inimitable Wally Pyrah. of Corals, Nicholson's horses could "walk on water" at the moment. During the two-day meeting, the master of Jack-daws Castle had six winners and returned to the top of the trainers' prize-money table.

ly, the Champion."

Barton Bank retained his unbeaten record over fences with a bloodless victory in the Pat Taaffe Novices Chase

after the infamous third-last sence claimed Forest Sun.

The six-year-old will now go for the grade one Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton. over Christmas, where he is likely to come up against Cab On Target, who beat Dusty Miller at Donosser.

Another Coral showed himself to be a true professional by coping with soft ground to win the Tripleprint Gold Curp, while Shamana completed the Nicholson treble when returning to form in the George Stevens Handicap Chase. Lonesome Glory, ridden by

Blythe Miller, daughter of trainer Bruce Miller, created history by becoming the first US-based horse to win a National Hunt race in Britain by beating Al Mutahm in the Chris Coley Racing Hurdle. Attivo, one of the most popular and versatile racehorses of the seventies, was put down yesterday, aged 22. Owned by Peter O'Sullevan, Attivo won ten races for Epsom trainer Cyril Mitchell and his son, Philip, including the Triumph Hurdle, Chester Cup and Northumberland

# Fit For Firing to foil Balding's sentimental quest

TOBY Balding has always had a soft spot for the Tom Holt and Reality Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot.

Having been a great source of encouragement to the former and having trained the latter during their fruitful partnership in the West Country in the late sixties, his desire to win the race is understandable.

To Balding's delight, he succeeded a year ago with Romany King. Today, he tries again with Sirrah Jay. A winner over today's course

and distance on his seasonal debut in October, when he beat Skipping Tim by a neck. Sirrah Jay would obviously have a good chance if repro-ducing that form.

However, his last two runs have been disappointing, even though he was arguably way out of his class in races won by the likes of Tipping Tim and Remittance Man at Cheltenham and Huntingdon.

In the circumstances, I shall side with David Elsworth's Fit For Firing, another to have won over today's course and distance but more recently an impressive winner on her sea-sonal debut at Wincanton.

The task of landing today's nap is entrusted to Neil Harris on the David Barons-trained Top Javalin in the Bulpin Challenge Cup, a handicap

(92,360; 2m) (10 runners)

(£2,853: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

(£1,302: 2m 5f 110yd) (17 runners)

(£1,350: 2m) (18 rumners)

TRAINERS
N Hunderson
P Jones
II Christian
S Sherwood
M Pipe
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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

hurdle for amateurs. At Chepstow ten days ago, there was a lot to like about the way that Harris, who doubles up as Barons's horse-box driver. won a similar race on Top Javalin. On that occasion they ploughed through the mud in fine style. While Trevaylor has impres-

sive form figures on the sur-face for the Plympton Novices Hurdle, they were achieved last season in steeplechases after he had failed to win a point-to-point for maidens. Angelo's Double looks a better bet, since he was going like a winner when he fell at

the last flight at Taunton, having been beaten only a short head at Wincanton the time before. However Trevaylor fares, Philip Hobbs, his trainer, should be on the mark at

Ludlow with Manka (12.30) and Chiaroscuro (3.00). A winner at Newbury before finishing fourth there behind Dreamers Delight, Munka, who is related to the dual champion hurdler. Bula, can make his experience tell against the bumper winners.

Herlin and Oatis Regrets.

2.00 TANNERS MARISSAL AMONTELADO HANDICAP HURDLE

(22,360: 2m) (10 runners)

1 13350-1 RUSTY ROC 32 (CD,F,G,B) (M Daviest M Davies 11-11-13. Mr N Miles 0-31332 STAR OF THE GLEN 37 (8F,CD,F,B) (M Home Computed) Mrs J Planes 6-11-4 M Planes 3 4F7946- JANE'S DEJEHT 289 (D,B) (hits A Price 8-10-3 Mr C Campbell (7) 4 90040-4 EARLY BREEZE ST (D,F) (6 Shelley) M McCourt 6-10-0 D Galagher 5 50185-0 BECCERBAN 28 (0,D,E),E) (B Downers) 3 Spening 9-10-0 R D Burneroby 6 16-13,85 PEAK DISTRICT 12F (8F,D,E,S) (B Mesle) K Bridgeniar 6-10-0 D Bridgecter 7 910-450 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 45 (D, (bits J Hecken) F Jordan 4-10 C D J Loddor 8 16356-2 CREAM AND GREER 28 (BF,CD,B) (Andes Lin) K Wess 6-10-0 D J Horbitz (5) 9 22100-0 COMANECE 45 (D,E) (J S J Barlery R Juelas 4-10-0 W Humphreys 10 400P04- LUCKY RUS 215 (P Buelay) R Horbits 49-6 (Recy Horse Develor 9-0, Cream And Bro 4-3, Command 6-8, Lucky Blue 8-13. Bistemman 9-0, Peak District 9-6, Catzy Horse Develor 9-0, Cream And Bro 4-3, Command 6-8, Lucky Blue 8-4. Command 6-9, Lucky Blue 8-4. Command 10 Truey House Develor 25-1 Command 3-1 Jane's Delgist, 50-1 Locky Blue.

6812/1-2 PAR PROSPECT 38 (F.S) (Durin Tute Razing) P Hobbs 6-11-10 Pater Hobbs 61 4005-56 SHAMRON 9LEV 23 (S) (Avs. E-Richies) May J Pigman 6-11-7 M Premait 66 MC14/49- (BEOUSSMAK 411 (S) (Appartus) Max H Robert 6-10-11 M Richards 660/472 PRINCE'S COURT 20 (7) (Company) A Tuesd 9-10-11 S McHell 85 McHell 85 MCHER 85

2.30 TANNERS CHAMPAGNE HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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3.00 TANNERS CLARET NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$1,302: 2rtt 5f 110yd) (17 rumners)

1 863-28F URBAN COWROY 25 (Mrs. J. Hucquimys.) C. James 5-11-10

2 341221 CDOMBESSRRY LAME 25 (CD. F.6) (M. McGligar) P. James 6-11-8

3 855-448 WOODBURY GRL 23 (Mrs. M. Montagner) Mrs. A Ring 5-11-8

4 57040F-P DERISTONE 52 (6 Davies) M. Davies, 7-11-7

5 PROZUP. DOLD BUCK 215 (9 Liberatys) A. P. James 8-11-4

4 451795 AAPPSBORY 20 (B.) (E. Way) P. Robind 4-11-3

7 P85-9F COME HOME ALONE 37 (B) (Mrs. A Davies) N. Gassilve 4-11-2

8 723533 UPCHRESIZO 16 (F) (Mrs. L. Libert) N. Doles, N. Gassilve 4-11-2

9 P90-5-1 CRANGOCKING 19 (S) U. Morthwerl P. Hobbs B-11-0

10 9000-00 FIRRY KRED 37 (Mrs. J. Bistop) S. Sterendod 5-10-11

11 UPGBY KEE KEE'S DREAM 7 (Mrs. L. Tong) F. Jordan 8-10-6

12 P90-35-40 CORRISSH CDSSACK 13 (D. Casteg) D. Brons 5-10-5

13 00-490 CORRISSH CDSSACK 13 (D. Casteg) D. Brons 5-10-5

14 GOURPY ARRICLE GOE (K. Bishop) K. Bishop 7-10-0

15 00-490 ESH-TECH 32 (Mahair Group Pic; A. James 5-10-0

16 00-490 FREFYL (JCK 75 (Mrs. S. Kanarogh) H. Mosmagh 6-10-0

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3.30 TAMBIERS CAYA MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

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BETTRIC: 5-2 Chiroscop. 4-1 Capanisashory Lanu, 9-2 Urban Cowboy, 8-1 Ambrigory, 10-1 Come Home Alone,
Combit Cossect, 14-1 Orthopatra, 16-1 Solo Bust, Play Fred, 25-1 others.

BETTING: 3-1 Sealed Rue, 5-1 Reaction, 6-1 Public Saleta, Whistony Buck, 8-1 Policy Maller, 14 1 others.

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#### THUNDERER 12.15 Don't Tell The Wille. 12.15 Jim Valuatine 12.45 TOP JAVALIN (nep). 12.45 Too Javalin. 1.15 Fit For Firing. 1.15 Knight Oil

RICHARD EVANS: 1.15 Sirreti Jay. 1.45 DONNA'S TOKEN (nap).

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1 16823-3 PASSO ALL-EPTRA 20 (0.5) (D Ownsord D Dwinson S-10-12.
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JIM VALENTINE best Pegmarine 41 in a 9-more novice chase at Scatland (2m 4f, good to soil), with PASSO ALL-EYTA (16to better oil) 141 3rd. DON'T TELL THE WHEE 152 And of 11 to Late Tecenom in a novice chase at Polloscione (2m 5f, soil). PRIVAL BAY 11141 3rd of 10 to Sar Ol tayl in a modes hardicalo chase at Heritori (2m, late) in a modes hardicalo chase at Heritori (2m, leavy). 10831 (ALL 19 3rd of 10 to Old Rocei in a modes at the chase at the chase in a modes of the chase at the chase in a modes of the chase at the chase in a mode of the chase at the chase in a mode of the chase at the chase in a mode of the chase at the chase at the chase in a mode of the chase at the chase of the chase of the chase of the chase at the chase of the c Promptom (2m, soft), with SOUTHERO UNITED (4th worse off) 12/4 5th. TIME MODULE 27/3 3rd of 7 is the Beautiful Soft of 1 is Soft of

12.45 BULPIN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,242: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

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FAITHFULL STAR heat Tably Jones 25tl in a 3-monter handicap classe at Ember (2m 1f 110yd, good as firm). SRRAH JAY best Supports In a last of 4 to Run For Free in a bandicap chase at distance at October (good to soit). KREGHT OIL 381

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| 3 | 20114-0              | PREDESTINE 28 (D,G) (D Knight) M Madquist 7-11-7   |     |
| 4 | <del>(P-</del> 1500) | CLAFE LAD 12 (C.D.F.E.S) (Total Employment Group List) D Whole 9-11-5 P Michael 98   |     |
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2.15 TORPOINT HOVICES CHASE (£2,434: Sm 2/ 110yd) (8 runners) 

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David Barons, saddled Riva. her first number as a trainer, to win the Downs Novices' Hurdle at Lingfield on Saturday.

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Shipboard sadism in Leeds as Britten's Billy Budd is launched in style at the Grand

THEATRE page 29 Lope de Vega, the

Spanish Shakespeare, is knocking at the Gate this week



Business sponsorships of the year: a review of Friday's ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards in association with The Times

# With a little help from their friends

here would the arts in Britain be without business sponsorship? About £65 million a year worse off is the obvious answer. But that is only one side of it. With surprising regularity, business sponsors defy their tired old image of backing only "safe" and well-established arts organisations. In the last year the boldest sponsors have supported events at the very edge of the avant-garde, and won new friends by doing so.

A staging of the Marquis de Sade's 120 Days of Sodom is financed by £15,000 from a small trucking company. A management consultancy, in successive years, puts £150,000 into a Caro

successive years, puts £150,000 into a Caro exhibition at the Tate, a new play at the National Theatre and a new opera at the Coliseum. An oil

company backs a playwrights' competition which attracts over 1,000 entries every year.

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Those firms were just three of the winners amounced on Friday at the 1992 ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards, held in association with The Times. The awards were established by the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts in 1978 to recognise the growing contribution of the business world to British cultural life. Below, we celebrate several of this year's winning combinations of commerce and culture. What attracted these business sponsors to one particular art form? these business sponsors to one particular art form? Who made the first move to bridge the great divide? How did the artists or performers make use of the company's money? And who, in the end, benefitted most sponsors, artists or the public?

obil Oil received this year's Corporate Procontinuing sponsorship of the bienmial playwriting competition at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre. How did the idea of a play competition first come about? As usual in such things, through a network of good contacts. It was first suggested by Casper Wrede (now one of the Royal Exchange's honorary artistic directors), as a means of promoting new work. Alex Bernstein, the chairman of the theatre's board, who has family connections with Granada, contacted the late John Lowein then chairman of Mobil, whose company has dealings with Granada's motorway service stations.

Bernstein's initial proposal was relatively modest but Lowein immediately doubled the figure to give it, in the words of the grateful theatre, "more credence". The venture was risky, since nobody could tell what interest such a competition would generate. In fact the response for the first one, in 1986, was overwhelming, and the competition this year attracted a remarkable 1,250 entries.

The cost to Mobil this year has been £175,000, consisting of f34,000 for the six prizes, a bursary of £10,000 for a writer-in-residence, payment to the script read-edly be the poorer.

ers, and the far from negligible postage for returning 1,244 scripts. In return Mobil receives a great deal of publicity and an enhancement of its reputation for being so visibly associated with the encouragement of new writing.

The Royal Exchange has first refusal of all the winning plays but most productions are subsequently seen outside Manchester, with Mobil's name attached each time. Robin Glendinning's Mumbo Jumbo, a prize-winner in 1986, was the first to come to London, followed by Iain Heggie's A Wholly Healthy Glasgow and Michael Wall's Amongst Barbarians. All of them proved to be plays of vivid

Mobil has no say in the judging process, nor which plays shall be staged. It does not even ask to see the plays until the judges decide which are to be the winners. If a prize were awarded to one about, say, a wrecked oil tanker polluting the environment, the company would undoubtedly feel this furthered its reputation as a sponsor of good writing, whatever the subject matter. Without the Mobil prize, a score of writers and the modern theatre repertoire would undoubt-

This year's prize was decided in circumstances as dramatic as anything on the stage. The panel (in which Mobil scrupulously plays no part) was meeting near Victoria in London. Before making their final choices from the works on the thorr tist, the judges decided to look at one of the plays again. No copy of this play was to hand, so a taxi was sent across London to pick up a script. Unfortunately, that was the day on which the Sultan of Brunei, in London for a state visit, was being taken by the Queen to address Parliament, and the taxi was soon immovably trapped in traffic Undeterred, the judges dispersibled a numer to being the series. patched a runner to bring the script to them, but she also found herself held up and prevented from cross-ing the Mall until, seizing her chance, she darted across in front of a large black car. Too late did she recognise the well-known face in-

The policeman who pounced on her demanded her name. On being told that it was O'Donnell, he instantly suspected the contents of the brown paper parcel under her arm. Quite some time later the script was delivered to the judges who were able to resume their deliberations. Eventually they awarded it the first prize.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Sir Anthony Caro's Octagon Tower was the centrepiece of the Tate Gallery's 1991 Caro exhibition. The show was sponsored by KPMG Management Consulting, as part of the firm's £250,000 "Puture Positive" scheme, which has also backed the National Theatre production of Tony Harrison's latest play, Square Rounds. KPMG won the award for "Commission of new art".

hen is a gate not a gate? The answer is when it has been sculpted into a work of art by Colin Wilbourn, the artist commissioned this year by the North of England Building Society to brighten up an area of Sunderland. That piece of patronage won the building society this year's Art and Urban Regeneration award.

For almost a year Wilbourn has been stalking the north bank of the River Weir in Sunderland, transforming stone steps, gates and pieces of red sandstone reclaimed from crumbling bridges. Working in conjunction with the Tyne and Weir Development Corporation, Wilbourn has been given £10,000 from the building society - a sum matched by ABSA through the business incentive scheme — to create public art in an area that was once dominated by the great dockyards of the north-east.

Ron Stout, for the building siciety, said that the idea was designed to put something imaginative and "out of the ordinary" back into the community. Wilbourn was the ideal choice; he escribes his work as making the straordinary from the mundane. for example, stone steps leading down to the riverside are etched ith a carpet pattern of scawced

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shapes; a pair of stone shoes has been left at the top and stone ellington boots are carved at the bottom of the steps.

The whole area was once used for housing. Then that was torn down to build the dockyards. Now with the closure of the docks, houses are going up again. So I am reinterpreting a domestic theme," says Wilbourn.

He has been involving the community throughout, from reclamation of the sandstone to the actual sculpting. This is partly because it provides an incentive to protect the work from vandalism, but mostly because the nature of the project demands it.

"The work is not being covered up or done secretly," he says. "People see me get dirty, work long hours, and get tired - you gain a kind of respect. We are also encouraging people to do some

One of the best trompe l'oeil pieces has been made from a pair of steel gates. Two children's bicycles have been incorporated into the structure and appear to be chained to the gates when they are open. More bizarrely, when the gates are closed they appear to be slightly ajar. Children love the work and have been making fences and sculptures themselves.

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or the Oscar ceremony. and you will generally hear the clink of glasses filled with Piper-Heidsieck champagne. Piper-Heidsieck likes to sponsor the events with bright lights. But with its £500,000 sponsorship of the Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Clas-sic Film Collection, organised by the British Film Institute, it is also doing its bit for film history, and

wirning the First Time Sponsor award in the process. The project, costed at £1 million, aims to gather together some 200 key films in pristine show prints by 1995, cinema's centenary year. Too many films reach audiences today in tired, re-edited, inferior copies with tramlines running down the screen; Piper-Heidsieck is belying to make available clean copies of a

wide range of films, from Hitchcock to the French New Wave. The films come in themed nunches. The first consists of 14 MGM musicals; we had a foretaste when the new print of On The Town was shown at the London. Film Festival Bookings have al-ready been taken for Switzerland, Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Norway; they reach the NFT in London in March.

Other scheduled

include early Kurosawa, opera films, wide-screen films, and a Western batch called "The Legend-ary West". Individual archive restorations may also be included: there was champagne money in Photo-play Productions' print of The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, un-

veiled last month. Piper-Heidsieck likes to boast that its involvement in cinema stretches back to 1934 when Laurel and Hardy "paid homage" to its champagne in Sons of the Desert. True, in one scene the boys drink champagne, but only a publicist with a magnifying glass would be able to spot the brand. Now Piper-Heidsieck has a sturdier claim to a place in film history.

GEOFF BROWN

Arts and disabled neonle: Yorkshire Electricity. nominated by Live Music Now (development programme for children with learning difficulties), Opera North (opera for deaf children), West Yorkshire Playhouse (installing infra-red audio equipment and Yorkshire Mining Museum Trust (specially designed interpreting for those with visual or hearing impairment).

 British art overseas: Cable and Wireless, nominated by English National Ballet for putting £50,000 into an ENB tour of Hungary in March

• Single Project Toyota Motor Corporation, nominated by the Japan Festival, the vast parade of Japanese arts and culture that was presented in Britain last year.

 Sponsorship by a Small Business: Edwin Shirley Trucking, nominated by Battersea Arts Centre for its £15,000 sponsorship of a new stage adaptation of the Marquis de Sade's 120 Days of Sodom, in a BAC production.

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Fast movers: the male-voice singing group, Shannon Express, in animated rehearsal for this year's Sainbury's Choir of the Year Award. BBC 2 will begin televising the event on January 6

I he roar that goes up when a choir wins can rival that of a football match when the home team scores in the penultimate minute. The Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Award makes the Welsh Eisteddiod seem pretty small game too. This year, the fifth in the history of the biennial award, choirs of every shape and size converged first on 13 different cities, then on Manchester and Horsham for the quarter-finals, and finally on Buxton Opera House last month to compete in the finals of what is now possibly the most prestigious amateur choral award in the land. It has won Sainbury's the Long Term Commiment award.

The compension has caused. something of a choral revolution. not least sarionally. When Samsbury's started sponsoring amateur choral singing in 1982, with a one-day iestival of choirs at the Albert Hall, there were a lot of white blooses, long black dresses, penguin suits and brown folders of inusic. Now that the festival has become a competition, and is provided with inge exposure in the form of relevised broadcasts on BBC 2, even the most sober of chamber choirs has taken a tip or two from its barbershop colleagues. And, unless they are performing a particularly knotty piece of Ligeti.

everyone now seems to sing from memory, and to sing better and

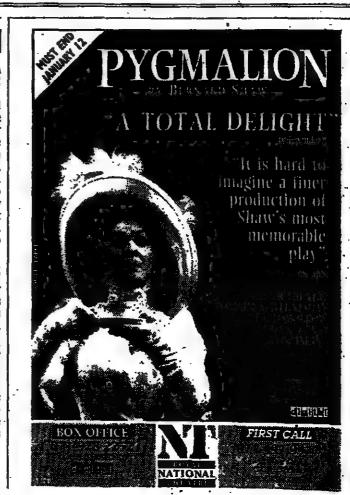
Barbershop groups have also had their eyes opened to the wide range of repertoire enjoyed by larger choirs. For not only does the Sainsbury's award encourage them all to stay and listen to each other, but the sponsors have earmarked £1,000 a time for the winner to commission a new work. Already the repertoire in any one contest can range from that well-known 13th-century composer, "Anon", to Lloyd Webber.

"Since singing is so good a thing.

I wish all men would learn to sing." wrote the Elizabethan composer William Byrd. This competition is unique in that absolutely nobody is excluded. There are no age limits: a voice is the only requirement and that, unlike every other musical instrument, is freely owned by all. This is what makes amateur choral singing attractive to Sainsbury's.
And who knows how many recruits to the Croydon Seventh Day Adventist Choir - or, indeed, to the shopping malls of that metropolis - may be drawn from a television

audience of two million?

HILARY FINCH



.... A DESTRUCTION OF TAXABLE PARTIES

LONDON

BARNESM: Paul Nicholas welks the aghtrope in a Christmas revival of the Cy Coleman Michael Stewart Showolz musical Deminion, Tone

Desalation, Toherham Court Road, V1 (071-580 8845) Previows from tonight, 7.30pm, opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm MADAMA BUTTERFLY: The Royal Opera gives the penultimate performance of Nuria Espert's 1987 Scottish Opera staging of Butterfly, Yoku Watarrabe makes an ideal haroine, with first-rate support from the cast. San first-rate support from the cast. San Edwards, broadening her operatio experience before taking up her appointment as music director at ENO

next year, conducts.

Hoyel Opera House, Covent Garden,
WC2 (071-340 1066/1911), 7 30pm. LONDON PHELHARMONIC: Franc

LP Chox in Hander's great oratoric Messiah, featuring an impressive lineur of soloists: Felicity Lott, Bernada Fink. Fiona Janes, John Mark Ainsley and Jeffrey Black The concert is repeated temporow (note the earlier than usual text Messia). Ival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-

BRYERLEY CRAYEN: Snowwithout the Best British Newcomer Award, the singer-songwitter has climbed high in the charts with her sophisticated, if predictable, love songs Royally Theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5080), tonight-Sun. 7 15pm. LONDON CITY BALLET: The

Amenican balled of Barbara Allien, combining romance, regardy and superstition, is the inspiration for Jack

DANNE GET YOUR GUN, hang Berin's pre-ferminst musical is no model for a Ninebes women but the songs are sumply ternic Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 871-839 5987) Tues-Sat, 7-30pm, matte Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm 160mins D ASSASSINS: Sondheim's sharp and successful musical explores the

and successful musical expones tray impulse that drives no hopers to full American Presidents. Dogwar Warehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150), Mon-Sat, 7:30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 105mine. CAROUSEL: Joenna Riding and

Michael Hayden star in trumphant revival of the Rodgers & Herrimerstein larground musical Heltonel (Lyttertein), Scuth Benk, SE1 (071-828 2252), Tonght-Sat, 7.30pm, mets Wed, Sat, 2.15pm, 180mins, performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent connedy, Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, &pm, mets. Thurs, Set, &pm, 150mins.

IT FRUITS IN THE FAMELY! LIVES IN the hospital common room: Flay Coonsy Jaros with fots of laughs. Playshouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri. Spm. Set. 8.30pm, mate Thurs, Spm., Set, 6.30pm.

AN YORAL HUMBANC AVE Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shew in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some detect assumptions

but stylishly done, Globe, Shallesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, 3st. 4pm 165mins. DIGGS OF THE IPPOETS WOMAN

Tremendously glassy production of the Mander & Ebb musical, it community the values of Manuel Purg's novel but Cirtia Rivers makes a striking verno. Shattenbury, Shatesbury Averuse, WC2 (071-579 5389), Mon-Set, Spm, resets Mani Set, Spm & Horston. mate Wed, Set, 3pm, 160mins. ID LOST IN YONKERS: Territo

periormanes by Resembly blems in a Net Smon comedy more weightly than, usual. Meureen Upman gives good seaso as a loopy eura. Strand, Adveych, WC2 (071-330 8600). Mon-Ser, 7.30pm, mals Wed, Ser, 2.30pm, 180mins ors by Reservery Harris et a

NEW RELEASES

by director Steve Gough, subtle child performance by Pascale Delefouge Jones. Renoir (071-837 8402).

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INTO THE WIEST (PG) Two gypsy chicken ride a mystenous white horse rito western Ireland. Wayward but engaging, Stars Gabnel Byrne, Eten Barton, Director, Mile Nowell Octeon Haymarket (0428 915353). CURRENT

 THE CRYING GAME (18) FIA purman becomes obsessed with a hostage's guifrond. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that latters at the close. Stare Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jayre Davidson, Miranda Richardson. -- Avancus, wireinoa Historiascisci Chelinea (071-351 3742/3743) Curaon Phoente (071-340 9661) MGMI Haymarket (071-430 1672) DEATH SECONES HER PO

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

Carter's belief The Wischboy, the highlight of the company's mixed bill in the second week of its annual Section's Wells secon Section's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, ECI (071-278 8915), tonight-Wed. 2 200m.

GEORGE MELLY: The goodhumoured jezz singer takes up his annual Christmas residency in potent partnership with John Chillion's warmers. rule Scott's Clurb, Frith Street, Wi (071-439 0747). Tonight-Jan 2 (excluding Dec 25-27), 8.30pm.

**SAMUEL PALMER:** The Breek Museum has an uninvalled collection of prints by Palmer, as well as related prints by Parist, as wall as reseau drawings and some original plates, included in this show are all his prints, which continue so follow the viscoriary gleam right to the end of his leng file. The occasion is the presentation to the gleam right to the end of his leng file. The occasion is the presentation to the museum of preparation drawings for Paimer's illustrations to his own translation of Virgin's Edogues, which are all on show, along with a newly - attributed manaype. British illuseum, Great Russell Street, WCT (071-638 1555). Mon-Sai, 10em-Spin, Sun, 2.30-Epm. until Jen 24

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THEATRE GUIDE

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MURDER BY MISADVENTURE CI MURDIER BY AUSANDER TUNES.
Gerald Harper and William Gaust play crime waters who left out and pit their widood wite against each other run-of-the-mill thriller whatehall, Whon-Fri, Born, Sat, 8 30pm, male Wed, 2,30pm, Set, 5,30pm, 120mins.

DOWN SOME: PINE O'Tooks in KNA Au clark Schmar - Hard of Local in Normal Whiterhouse's play about a menopausal male's Infatusoon with a young wordan. Neadly John though we only here the rean's point of view. Apolic, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-484 5070) Mon-Fil, 8.15pm, Sel, Sprn and 8.45pm. 135mirs.

I PYEMALION AND HOMES! Frances Battle In a Howard Consu-production that some advant greatly while others teel subordinates the test to a clever design. a clever design. National (Olivier), South Burk, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, met romorrow, 2pm, 195mins.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Sistery in a iun trip down Memory Lane, set in wertime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers. Gusen's, Shaftesbury Avenus, Wil Queen's, Shaffastury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fr., 7.30pm, Sat. Born, mets Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm 150mms

SI THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alicon Steadmen and Jane Hornods in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her naucous mother, ingenicial but incradible.
Alderych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-585 8400), Mon-Sat, Spm, met Sat, 4pm, 180mms. III TO PROSE MINISTER AND AND ADDRESS OF A

S.D.; Harriet Watter perfect agein in wal of thre subtle, como state-olthe-nation play. Regal Court. Scurre Square, SW1 (071-780 1746). Mon-Sat, Sprn, mat Sat,

**GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS** (15)

OF MINCE AND MEN (PG):

Stembeck's classic Depression tale o friendship and innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lennie;

chector Gary Sinse as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving. Curzon West End (071-438 4805) MGM Fortism Road (071-370 2836) MGM Troadero (071-434 0031).

◆ PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College pale meet up after a decade for a gib

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cadel, John Wells, Richard Kene, Christopher Gee play el 26 perts, male and female, in Gales Havergel's marvelous edeptation of Grahem Greene's novel.

continues to be this year's baggest seller, finish their UK tour in Birmanghar gwing the first of three concerts congrit NEC, Juration & MAC, Simmington (021-780 4133), tonight-Wed. 7.30pm.

MULL: John Godber's play takes the fid off lechery at The Office Party Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 224800), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm

LIVERPOOL: An ambilious insveiling

LIVERPOOLs An ambitious travelling exhibition cogniting in Rotterdam, Expressions of Bottlef receives its only British showing in Liverpool, bringing together ceremonial, risual and personal objects from the various religious bedgerounds of Africa. Oceanis and Indonesia. Everything in the show has its function, but this can be referred to deficient and the first

cure to outsiders, and the first

aesthetic response, after which the vestor is invited to explore more desply

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MANCHESTER: The B-S2a, Sevendes funksters with the party sound, begin an eight-date tour in Manchester. Support comes from Irish observers of the

Sunciay. Apollo, Archeick Green (081-236 9922).

OxerORD: A programme of seasonal cards and readings from the 16th-20th centuries performed by Oxford choir Magnifical under the direction of Philip

Cave. The concent includes Cornelius's The Three Kings, Bruckner's Ave Manu-and Poutenc's Four Christmas Motels.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Fond, WC2 (071-857 1118). Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sai, 8.15pm, male Wad, 3pm, Sei, 5pm. CI THELAMIN' OF THE TIME LIN'
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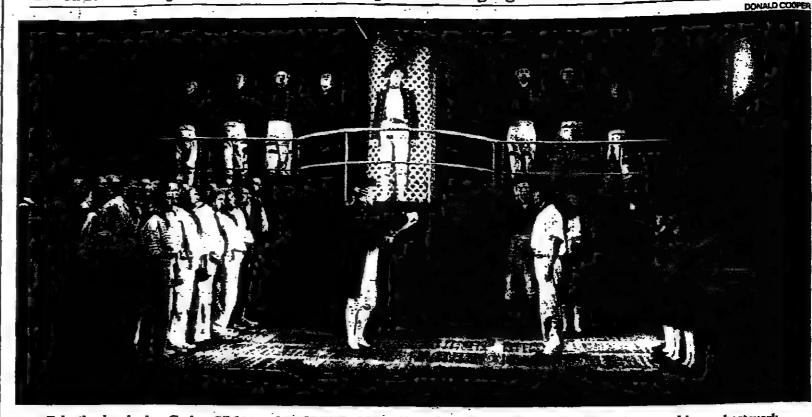
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Relentlessly gripping: Graham Vick's staging of Billy Budd, in an ingenious multi-level set by Chris Dyer, is among his very best work

# Swept along on a tide of strife at sea

THE better a performance of Britten's Billy Budd — and I have seen few more powerful than last Friday's by Opera North - the more near-intolerably harrowing it is. In no way can it he described as an enjoyable evening in the theatre, any more than can Lear or Sophocies's Electra. It offers not a glimmer of hope, at least not to those who see all that talk of Captain Vere's eventual redemption as mere window dressing, yet to the strong-stomached I cannot recommend too fervently the performances in Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham and Manchester over the

next two months. Graham Vick's staging, made for Scottish Opera in 1985 with Opera North as co-producers, is among his very best work. The world he creates in Chris Dyer's ingenious, four-level metal set is a steamy and apt amalgam of a prison, a man-o'-war and one of the raunchier public schools from the fic-Raven. The homo-

erotic element is not skimped, but it is only part of what seems to be Vick's larger purpose, to recreate in microcosm the sort of society that could give birth to the opera, a society shot through with class, repression and institutionalised cruelty.

The intrusion of healthy normality into such a world — postwar England, I mean, not just Aldeburgh — is so fundamental a challenge that it can only be met by destroying the intruder, which requires so much less effort than confronting the crisis. There can be no more telling study of the perennial English vice of avoiding issues, except perhaps for Brideshead Revisited. Britten's part in it is wanly understandable in the light of the Carpenter

**Billy Budd** Grand, Leeds "only connect", my foot.

> audience nothing by way of direct engagement John Tomlinson's Claggart, as still and baleful a presence as his Hagen (and as powerfully sung), is a truly scarifying impersonation, not just in its sadistic relish but in the moment of blind panic when he comprehends the magnitude of Budd's threat to him. Nigel Robson's cleanly sung Vere also has his moment of panic, recognising that Claggart's false accusation could bring down the world

The fine cast, though, spares the

he rules over. It was sad that Jason Howard (Budd) should have been suffering from a bad throat, which robbed his singing of some of its smoothness and power, but he commands the charac-

biography, E.M. ter's wholesomeness, simplicity and Forster's less so — guileless innocence without a hint of embarrassment, and once restored to health will be a Budd in a thousand.

There are telling performances from Christopher Ventris as the Novice. William Dazeley as his Friend (who in Vick's production, in true public-school fashion, administers the on-stage flogging), and Richard Morton as Red Whiskers. Peter Knapp's brilliant Mr Redburn is so supercilious and laidback that you want to jump up on stage and clobber him. The chorus, as always at this address, is superb.

So is the orchestra, and Elgar Howarth's dever pacing makes the opera sound shorter than it sometimes does. Its impact in a small theatre, especially the lower woodwind colouring, is overwhelming. A relentlessly gripping evening - I am still shudder-

TELEVISION REVIEW: With the benefit of hindsight, Joe Joseph enjoys the Royal Variety Performance

MANY people find the Royal Variety Performance even less appealing than one of those contrived compilation double albums that assemble the world's "40 greatest love ballads that begin with the word Caribou".

But those who switched channels when the hoopla began on BBC 1 last Saturday night missed an evening of tme theatre. It was real drama in the sense that we, the TV audience, now knew what they, the performers and those who watched the show live at London's Dominion Theatre last Monday night, did not that within two days the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were gracing the Royal Variety Performance for the first time. would effectively announce that it would probably also be their last.

As a result, all those in-jokes from the stage about the Royal Family's annus or made mock of the whole show bill by horribilis and all those winks and calling it a "nightus horribilis", or nudges towards the Royal Box (Nigel

Unexpected drama in a trial before the separation

could only be tasted by TV audiences. Thus, whereas the live audience smiled when Jimmy Tarbuck (was there an era when people actually laughed at Tarby?) cracked a string of Royal jokes that began with "Good evening ladies, gentlemen and future

taxpayers" and got worse after that, we at home last Saturday just winced. When Mel Smith gamely quizzed the couple in the Royal Box about whether they had paid for their seats,

epic nature reflecting the achievements .

Kennedy gave them a thumbs-up, for British hold dear but who have had a heaven's sake) gained a spice that difficult year (the limp punch-line was that this cherished group was tabloid journalists), did he realise how gauche it might soon all seem? Of course not.

Why should he have done?
Had it been Blind Date instead of the Royal Variety Performance, we might have been allowed one of those little inset images in the bottom rightwasn't, so we could only imagine how they masked their winces.

or made mock of the whole show bill by
calling it a "nightus horribilis", or
referred to a group of people whom the
gags delivered by Tarby and by Chris

Tarrant underlined how much the deference paid to members of the Royal Family had already evaporated. But strangely, this riveting time-warp performance gave viewers a chance to rethink the whole idea of commoners performing for royals, artistes honoured to be playing and bowing for the court. In these peculiar circumstances, they all looked like they were making patsies of themselves, like someone who carries on lying to you. unaware that you have just been ripped off about their deceit. You felt rather sorry for them all, even Tarby.

Still, three hours of a diet ranging from the Chinese State Circus and hand corner of the screen showing us Barry Manilow to Montserrat Caballe Charles and Diana's reaction. But it might give most people indigestion. One can only guess at how pivota a role it played in the timing of last Wednesday's sad announcement. At least the whole thing was in aid of a

CONCERT: Stephen Pettitt on a magnificent evening of Sibelius in the Tender is the North festival

JUDGING from colleagues' accounts, previous concerts in Sir Colin Davis's Sibelius cycle with the London Symphony Orchestra had been quite special. So was this one. Davis never gives a bad concert in any case, but in Sibelius's music, as in Mozart's, he

particularly excels. Here he ended the evening with Sibelius's Seventh Symphony, that awesome, single-breath work from 1924 whose complexities lesser hands can so easily fragment. This was a can so easily fragment. This was a beautifully moulded performance; in a outlining sharper details. But this great process of gradual unfolding music is as internal as it is external, its everything grew naturally from every-

# Sublime northern heights

thing else, exactly as the composer

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Davis engineered There is a strong appropriately rich temptation to think of the piece as an textures, though to those essential image of some northern landscape, elements, clarity of overall form and with brass evoking the grandiose internal balance, he also gave his usual vastness of the terrain, strings describwith the two appetite-whetters, Poh-jola's Daughter and The Swan of Tuonela.

But the high point of this extraordi-

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nary concert was Gidon Kremer's offering of Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Even for him, this must surely have been the performance of a lifetime. -and aspirations of humankind. Never before can the work's rhythmic aspects have been made so lucid. Though Kremer did not labour the point, structure of phrase became, for once in this still elusive work, absoluteby clear. Kremer's artistry reached its peak in the finale. No fleeting high harmonic held the slightest terror for him. Every note was hit in the middle. every colour was polished, and every moment was charged with a spontaneity that served music before violinis.

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# Time for little Felix to grow up



French entry which came away with three prizes from the European Film Awards in Berlin: Leos Carax's flamboyant hymn to Paris and punk love, Les Amants du Pont Neuf

hings have come to a pretty pass when the president of the final jury at the fifth European Film Awards is reported as saying "I don't think European cinema exists." Luckily the French producer Margaret Menegoz, quoted in the British trade paper Screen International, promptly modified her words. "Trees don't exist," she continued. "You have apple trees, cherry trees. And I think European cinema is the same. You will always have French films, German films and Italian films, and so on."

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Not to mention Estonian, Georgian, Lithuanian, Croatian, Slovenian and Macedonian. New competitors from the east brushed off economic upheaval, even civil war, to vie for the European Film Award's Felix statuettes, handed out among much glitz at Berlin's Babelsberg Studios on Saturday night. Channel 4 viewers can see extracts from the ceremony next Sunday at 11.40pm.

Thirty countries participated, from Iceland to Turkey. Greece squabbled with Macedonia over the right to the country's name. France first submitted the Pialat Van Gogh, then switched to Leos Carax's flamboyant hymn to Paris and punk love, Les Amants du Pont Neuf. Ireland could not summon any entries at all: both creatively and financially the films it produced were deemed not Irish enough, though the same strictures did not stop Luxembourg proposing a film made in Portuguese. Geoff Brown reports from Berlin on the European Film Awards, a confused attempt to challenge Hollywood's cinematic supremacy

Dutch comedy about life on the

isolated street of an abandoned

housing project. This crazy view of

suburbia was chosen Young Euro-

pean Film of the Year, perhaps the

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evening's most helpful prize, as the statuette comes with DM100.000 (£40,000). It also won prizes for its production design and its music.

Those, then, were the main awards. But what are their purpose?

Backed by the European Film Academy (formed last November from

Europe's film-making elite) they aim

to promote Europe's own cinema in

the face of Hollywood supremacy; the

prize winning films will tour European cities.

As for Britain, in the feature division we put forward for consideration Terence Davies's superb The Long Day Closes and Mark Peploe's patchy first feature Afraid of the Dark. Both were eliminated, though we gained a Special Mention for Paul Pawlikowski's documentary Dostoevsky's Travels. The Museum of the Moving Image was also given the EFA's Award for Special

Accomplishments. By the end of the day, the choice for European Film of the Year had been whittled down to Les Amants du Pont Neuf, Gianni Amelio's adroit if saccharine Il Ladro di Bambini, and Aki Kauris maki's reworking of the source of La Bohème, La Vie

de Bohème — a Finnish entry, though it was filmed in French. Kleenex in hand, the jury plumped Kleenex in hand, the jury plumped for Il Ladro di Bambini (The Stolen Children) as European Film of the Year (Amelio's film Open Doors won the same prize two years ago). Strangely, given Kaurismäki's penchant for stylised zombie performances, La vie de Bohème picked up two acting prizes, for Matti Pellompää (Best Actor) and André Wilms (Best Supporting Actor)

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Les Amants du Pont Neuf still

came away with three statuettes, for The battle certainly needs fighting Hollywood overwhelmingly domi-nates Europe's box-office lists. This its editing, its photography and its lead actress Juliette Binoche. But it had a popular rival in Alex van being Europe, however, confusion Warmerdam's The Northerners, a persists about the best way to give our

audiences a quality alternative to special effects and Home Alone 2. The European Film Awards basically celebrate art-house product, studies in misery like Xavier Beavois's excellent first fea-

ture Nord, a contender for the Young European Film prize. Yet the award ceremony itself lives in Hollywood's shadow, being closely modelled on the Oscar jamboree, with a touch or two of the Eurovision Song

This year's affair was more intimate, though we still had big band pizzazz, a dreadful songbird mauling Cole Porter, Nigel Kennedy doing his thing to Fritz Kreisler, and envelopes ripped open to the immortal words "And the

winner is..." Even the statueties themselves have an American name. for who is Felix but Oscar's other half in Neil Simon's The Odd Couple? Some industry observers argue that the awards ceremony would get more public support if the nominated films included genuinely popular Euro-pean product. This year there was certainly a case for choosing the Hitler diary romp Schook!, Germany's big film of the year, instead the Germans proposed Rolf Schübel's Das Heimweh des Walerjan Wrobel, a wartime drama that got nowhere. Belgium's Man Eats Dog, widely popular with anarchic youth and a natural candidate for the Young European Film prize, went on local release a few weeks too late to be eligible for this year's competition.

Yet the hard fact remains that few commercial European films with any appeal outside their own country are now being made. Even within national boundaries, homegrown films have a hard time knocking Hollywood off its box-office perch. The series of "Flodder" films can do it in the Netherlands; stand-up comic Otto Waalkes can pull big audiences Germany. But these are encions.

To compound the confusions, the awards now face money problems. The Berlin authorities were to host the award ceremony for three more years, but have since withdrawn the commitment, faced with their own budget cutbacks. Hamburg may step into the breach: Vienna is also interested. For all their faults, the European Film Awards deserve to prosper somewhere. But it is plainer than ever that we need an overhauled selection process and a still more distinctive awards ceremony if fiveyear-old Felix is to grow up properly and do his important job.

THEATRE REVIEW

# No shelter from the pitiless storm

n the day following an eclipse of the moon and the revelation of Royal domestic upheavals. Gloucester's prognostication that These late eclipses in the sun and moon portend no good to us" smuck a gloomily topical note. The social implications of Compass Theatre's touring production are broader, however. By portraying a Lear who is unstable to begin with, the play emerges as a terrible warning against releasing the mentally ill into the

Nick Chadwin's hyperactive little Lear is twitchily nervy from the start, rambling in speech, spasmodic in move-ment. This king's insanity has obviously been on the cards for some time and the cry of "Let me not be mad" comes not in sudden terror but with the nagging pain of a habitual

The trouble is that without pints of Lear's past authority, his subsequent degradation lacks a tragic dimension. By the same token, denying nature her occasionally benign face lessens the impact of her

For all its silliness, the National Theatre production that staged the opening scene as a family party, the revellers wearing paper hats and blowing squeakers and Daddy taking his good little girl on his knee, at least suggested conventional relationships and emotional stability, the height from which the characters fall. It is hard to imagine normality in the sub-Beckett twilight world of Neil Sissons's production.

The symbolism of a tamered society depicted here is all too relevant. Lear dutches an old blanket over his frayed dinner jacket. A ragged skirt torn up one side, the remains of long evening gloves and sturdy lace-up boots give Helen Lieven's tousled Regan a sexy

King Lear Lilian Baylis Studio

menace. The courtiers are generally tatty, as if survivors from some Holocaust still clinging to faint memories of

As in their Hamlet, the eight players sometimes double. even triple, roles. It works less well here, possibly because Lear is a play of disguises, and when duplicaties overlap, confusion results. Thus Paul Rider alternates a strong and inreatening Edmund with a rather colourless Kent by changing jackets frequently before our eyes. As both characters, from different motives, engage in deceit, I can imagine newcomers to the play wondering who was impersonating whom at times.

touchingly accurate in twittering senility, and the production pre-empts the climatic challenge of the storm scene by making him shoot his bolt early on. The curse of sterility levelled at Goneril is sobbed out in a frenzy of rage with screaming, head-clutch-ing, falling to his knees: al-ready a fully fledged mad

The storm is excitingly conveyed by the three actresses sheets which dominate the bare stage. The production's main lack is shelter from the tempest, psychologically vital in the play's frightening explo-ration of belonging and exclusion, of sheltering warmth and the jungle outside. The storytelling is direct, the acting always adequate and, in the case of Carlene Reed, fulfilling the promise of her Gertrude with an icily unstoppable Goneril, excellent.

MARTIN HOYLE



A world in which it is hard to imagine normality: Helen Lieven as Regan and Nick Chadwin as Lear

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# THEATRE PREVIEW: James Woodall on the 16th-century playwright Lope de Vega Mad about the Spanish bard

"prodigy of nature". A modern commentator. Isabei Torres, suggests that were he alive today, "he might well do for theatre what Nigel Kennedy has done for classical

Lope Felix de Vega Carpio. two years older than Shakespeare, is said to have written 40 times as many plays. Of these some 500 survive, about a hundred of which are of questionable authorship. Lope's best-known work in this country. Fuente Ovejuna, had a triumphant staging under Declan Donnellan at the National in 1989, and only finished its extended tour at this year's Edinburgh

Festival. It was reading about a memorable staging of Fuente Ovejuna by Joan Littlewood at Strauford East in the 1950s that led the present director of Notting Hill's Gate Theatre. Laurence Boswell, to explore further the plays of this Span-ish master. "Lope was basically the father and the mother of Spanish theatre," enthuses

The Gate ran a hugely successful season of Spanish Golden Age drama last year. It featured work by Tirso de Molina and Calderón, play-wrights who worked directly under the influence of Lope. Like Donnellan's Fuente Ovejuna, the Gate won an Olivier Award for its efforts, and Boswell has just finished directing his fourth Lope pro-duction for the Notting Hill space, Madness in Valencia.

"It's a play about people pretending to be mad, falling in love, and really going mad. Madness and love become the same thing. And the maddest people in the play are those



An early portrait of the prolific Lope de Vega

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else is mad. It's a lovely series of conceits."

The play was written in the late 1590s, during Lope's exile in Valencia. He had been banished there from Madrid in 1588, aged 25, after publishing lewd poems about a woman with whom he had been having an affair and who had transferred her affections to a wealthier man.

By any standards, Lope's life was extraordinary. The son of an embroiderer, his first offerings were in poetry and literary pastoral. On arrival in

who go round saying everyone Valencia, he fell in love, which resulted in his first marriage. By 1614, he had fought in the Armada, become a widower twice over, fathered and lost many children, legitimate and

illegitimate, and taken holy orders. He began writing plays after his return from the Armada. All of them mirror, to some degree, the events of his life, especially his crotic entanglements, many are preoccu-pied with honour, defiled and

A prodigiously hard worker. Lope was also a great poet, by turns an intuitive user of the

fashioner of frank sexuality in his dialogues between men and women. It is the immediacy and freshness of his writ-ing. little of which seems to be lost in David Johnston's translations for the Gate produc-tions, that make Lope sound

so contemporary.

Christian Flint, who has choreographed Madness in Valencia and plays an acro-batically insane doctor, confirms this. "I was expecting ean, full of rich imagery and metaphor. Instead I found a surprising amount of slap-stick. But Lope would have used lots of commedia actors in his productions - medieval tumbling and physical tricks were part of his theatrical trade. It's all there in the text."

Boswell sees his stagings as a chance to combine the linguistic insights of Lope's poetic genius with an irresistible theatricality that is too often absent from contemporary renderings of a classic text. "I actually think that Lope was a very chorcographic writer. He really understood the language of theatre as theatre, and it's true that many of his plays either stand or fall on dexterity of performance. You won't find any literary masterpieces there, just end-lessly brilliant and popular theatre.

Madness in Valencia is the fifth British production of a Lope play in the last four years. Given the liveliness of the great Spanish playwright's current reputation, we should be seeing many more. There are, after all, another 395 or so to choose from.

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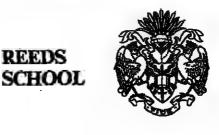
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# **EDUCATION**

# When JR goes to college

Britain's university research is about to be graded. Peter Scott believes the grant assessment

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his week every department in the existing universities and several departments in the new ones will receive their latest research gradings - like supermarket eggs. The lucky ones will score 5 (research of international standard), the unlucky ones 2 (below average) and the very unlucky 1 (no research worth

The winners, of course, will keep quiet, preening their new or confirmed reputations for excellence, whatever doubts they may have about the validity of the latest research assessment exercise, the third but unlikely to be the last. The losers will complain bitterly that they have been robbed of their futures and, in the case of some old universities, their pasts too. There will be a ruthless stripping away of Illusions

The exercise has been undertaken by the quango which not so long ago was called the University Grants Committee

Council

(UGC), has briefly been labelled the We live in the Universities golden age of Funding evaluation; the (UFC) and is now the management Higher Education Fundconsultant ing Council for England is king (HEFCE).

nyms already and it gets worse! The aim is warded; those in decline will simple and sensible enough: to distribute research funds selectively. The process itself is Alice-in-Wonderlandish, without the fantasy or the humour.

Earlier this year each de-partment had to fill in a research assessment (RA) form listing staff members, publications, research contracts and so on, typically 30-40 pages long. Every university then collated and dispatched to the HEFCE these departmental returns -- say, 5,000 or 6,000 pages. The council, assisted by expert committees, then spent the summer considering a mountain of paper, many tens, perhaps hundreds, of thousands of pages deep.

The final gradings, made public on Friday, have been devised according to a complex formula littered with more acronyms. This time SR (funding based on student numbers) has been dropped. (Why should universities with the most students be assumed to have the best research too?)

So has CR (funding linked to research contracts). not because big contracts are bad news — the opposite is true — but because departments should not be rewarded twice over. In has come Dev R (development research), a new category invented to help the former polytechnics.

But the key factor behind this week's gradings is JR (judgmental research), a subjective assessment of excellence, informed but not constrained by publications data. Cynics will ask what is the difference between IR and the difference between JR and the infamous "informed prejudice" which the UGC applied to university allocations in the bad old days - except that lots of trees have had to be cut down to provide the RA paper mountain. After all, the people doing the assessing are very advised the old UGC.

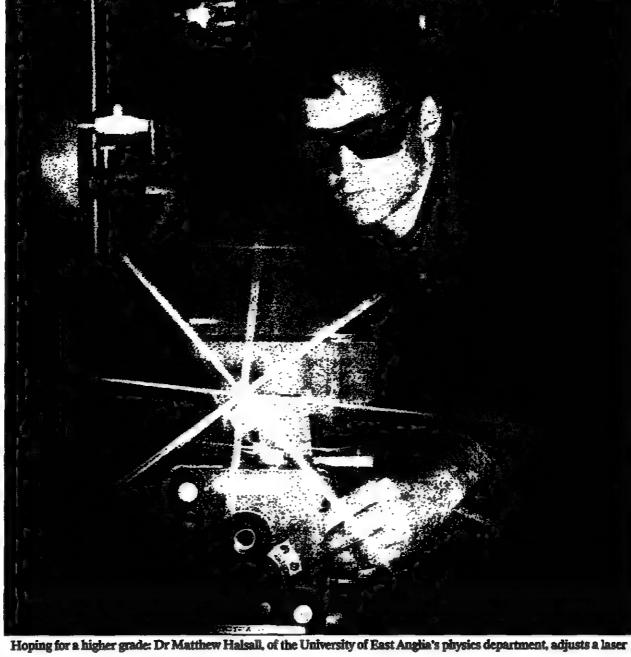
Certainly the results will surprise no one. The ascendancy of the golden triangle of Oxford, Cambridge and London will

be confirmed, although some of the big civic universities in the North and Midlands may have closed the gap. Rising universities such as Waragain be re-

be more firmly identified. The former polytechnics will be fobbed off with scraps from the university table, although a small number may do surprisingly well. Only one, Central England (formerly Birming-ham), had the bottle to sit out this round of research assess-

None of this is really the funding council's fault. It has to operate in a political climate countability - and, of course, acronyms - have run riot. We live in the golden age of evaluation; the management consultant is king. Today the best and the brightest are not in the front line; they are staff officers. They sit on top of managerial hierarchies remote from the real world of jobs and production, or they are outsiders who advise, au-

dit, assess the work of others... Universities are by no means the worst example. But the assessment society poses particular risks for them. It



may seem trite to insist that Adam Smith or Wittgenstein would not have been regarded as assets in the RA exercise not enough publications, no research contracts. Trite but true. Real excellence evades assessment. It depends on a willingness to take big intellectual risks; RA rewards low-risk results. A more immediate danger is that the creative energies of universities will be devoted to research games rather than to research, still less to scholarly reflection.

Ideas may get crowded out.

Already the first two rounds university departments, prob-

of RA have intensified the research culture in our leading ably at the expense of teaching. The third will further strengthen this culture, surely

an unintended and undesirable consequence of the HEFCE's necessary drive to target research expenditure. Perhaps this is a price that

must be paid to keep Britain's

universities up to international commercialisation of research, product and service developscratch. But its long-term consequences must be recognised. ment are seen as creative The implicit, even explicit.

model is that of the great American research universities - Harvard, Stanford, Bericeley. But these institutions are beirs to very different academic traditions. Undergraduate education is walled off in colleges of arts and sciences; powerful graduate and professional schools dominate the university. Oxford and Cambridge, untypical admittedly but still topping the British system, are not at all like US research universities.

Finally, centralised bureaucratic peer-reviewed assess-ment on the HEFCE model may fail to capture some of the most dynamic research sectors as well as tending to discriminate against the reflective scholar. Once innovation was thought to begin in the laboratory and end in the factory. Today technology transfer, the

activities in their own right. The risk, therefore, is that this week's grades are the outcome of a process which, paradoxi-

is needed.

search as well as strengthening its funding base. Largescale and radical restructuring

The author is professor of edu-cation at Leeds University

# Tyranny by written test

was trumpeted abroad I as an attempt by the government to ensure all schools at least taught a common broad based curriculum to all children. Pupils were to have an equal opportunity to study a core of agreed common knowledge and experience. Most educationalists accepted the general tenor and approach, but from this sound and positive base, the govern-ment has decided to proceed

many stages further.

Naturally a Conservative government wants to test pupils to ensure that the national

curriculum is being followed and teachers are up to the mark. What better way of doing this than by writ-ten tests with the comparative results of schools published league tables? We were informed that

publication of results was im-

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parents and was a way of assessing the school's performance. But what or whom are we assessing, and why?
Originally at the primary stage of Key Stage 1, there was a great deal of personal assessment on the level and understanding of individual children, but soon this was found to be too time-consuming. In the GCSE examina-

tion, too, where course-work holds an important place, that is being weamed away in favour of more written tests. So now the stage is set for testing for a meritocracy by a meritocracy, and forget the rest. All schools are or are becom-

ing accountable - we have huge tables printed in the media to prove it — but is the ensuing competition among schools for a "good reput-ation" and a full pupil body

The national curriculum necessarily a good idea? I am particularly worried about the consequences of a test-led educational system from the earliest ages, that can cause very detrimental developments in the curriculum.

Naturally each school will want to appear in the best possible position in the results table, but it is all too easy to massage test results by merely teaching what is required for the SAT, rather than the full curriculum. Schools are informed during the course of the academic year what is being tested in the SATs for seven-year-olds. Does the

teacher therefore spend her time covering in detail the "testable" topics, even if it means that in the autumn term have to be retaught? Or does the teacher continue to ensure TER COVER 85 much of the national cur-

Jonathan Riley

riculum as they can to the best of their ability? What are we testing anyway with which to compare our children? Does the govern-ment test the standard of

pastoral care, or the creative ability of the child? Does it interest us if the child cares for others, or can work well in a team? There are perfectly respectable ways of measuring creative or sporting ability, but suppose our bureaucrais would not consider such subjects at all important. Who cares if our children

happen to love poetry, consider others or can kick a football superbly? Any success here would not place our school high up in the tables. That would never do.

Jonathan Riley is headmaster of Emscote Lawn preparatory school

# Why classroom training needs thinking through

ot so long ago — ten years at most — intending teachers were thought to need some input from philosophy, psychology, sociology, perhaps also history and comparative studies. That input is fast disappearing: all the faster because initial teacher education is, or will soon be, largely school-based. Its absence has left a vacuum, which may be put in the form of the question, "What do student teachers need to know, what forms of enquiry should they become familiar with, that they cannot pick up for them-selves in schools?"

People (and there are many) who answer "Nothing" or "Not much" have dearly not reflected on the problem. Teachers have to make many educational decisions, not only in the classroom but when dealing with parents, discipline, pastoral care, curricukum matters and many others. No sensible person can believe that these decisions do not require serious intellectual thought and understanding.

Nor is the question seriously faced by current practice in teacher education, which consists (putting it briefly) simply in familiarising student teachers with certain topics in a fairly practical or school-oriented way. The point is not just that this particular agenda has developed uncritically, but that the notion of familiarisation with topics does not address what kind of knowledge stu-

dent teachers really need. Failure to answer these questions makes nonsense of the idea of an "academic input", which is supposed (right-

Teacher education is inadequate if it only reflection that is needed only reflection that is needed perhaps some kind of attitude does not include serious intellectual considerations, John Wilson argues



ly) to match the "practical" or experiential input from the schools in which student teachers will work. Such input can make sense only in terms of relevant disciplines: one cannot, for instance, simply study "racism" per se. We may ask about the concepts involved (philosophy), or how individuals feel (psychology), or about its social causes and effects (sociology), and so on So if there is to be any serious "academic input", it has to be

conceived in these terms. That involves some decision, particularly since time is short, about what kinds of understanding are most important. To put it negatively, do teach-

to the university constituency.

ers perform badly because they do not think clearly enough about concepts and values (so that they chiefly need philosophy), or because they are badly-informed about children's minds (psychology), or about society (sociology) or what? Is their chief need for some sort of understanding about their own emotions

(psychotherapy)? These questions are dearly prior to more practical questions about how teacher-education institutions can best deliver such understanding. There is not much point in talking about the reflective practitioner unless we are clear about what sort of reflection is

change or other virtues need

There is a severely practical side to this. It is not surprising that hard-pressed institutions of teacher education have so far failed to answer them. But that produces a vacuum which is filled by whatever seems to be "relevant", popular with the students, acknowledged by the schools, and easy to deliver. Such a context is vulnerable

which may doubt whether anything academically or the oretically serious is being done at all. At the same time, government and other prag-matic agencies may doubt whether such content is of any practical value, and ultimately the schools themselves may come to doubt whether the teacher-education institutions actually possess more authority and expertise than themselves in these areas. So it will come to look as if such institutions are simply acting as adjuncts or facilitators, ratier than possessing any geniune authority of their

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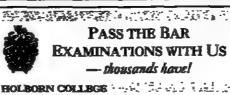
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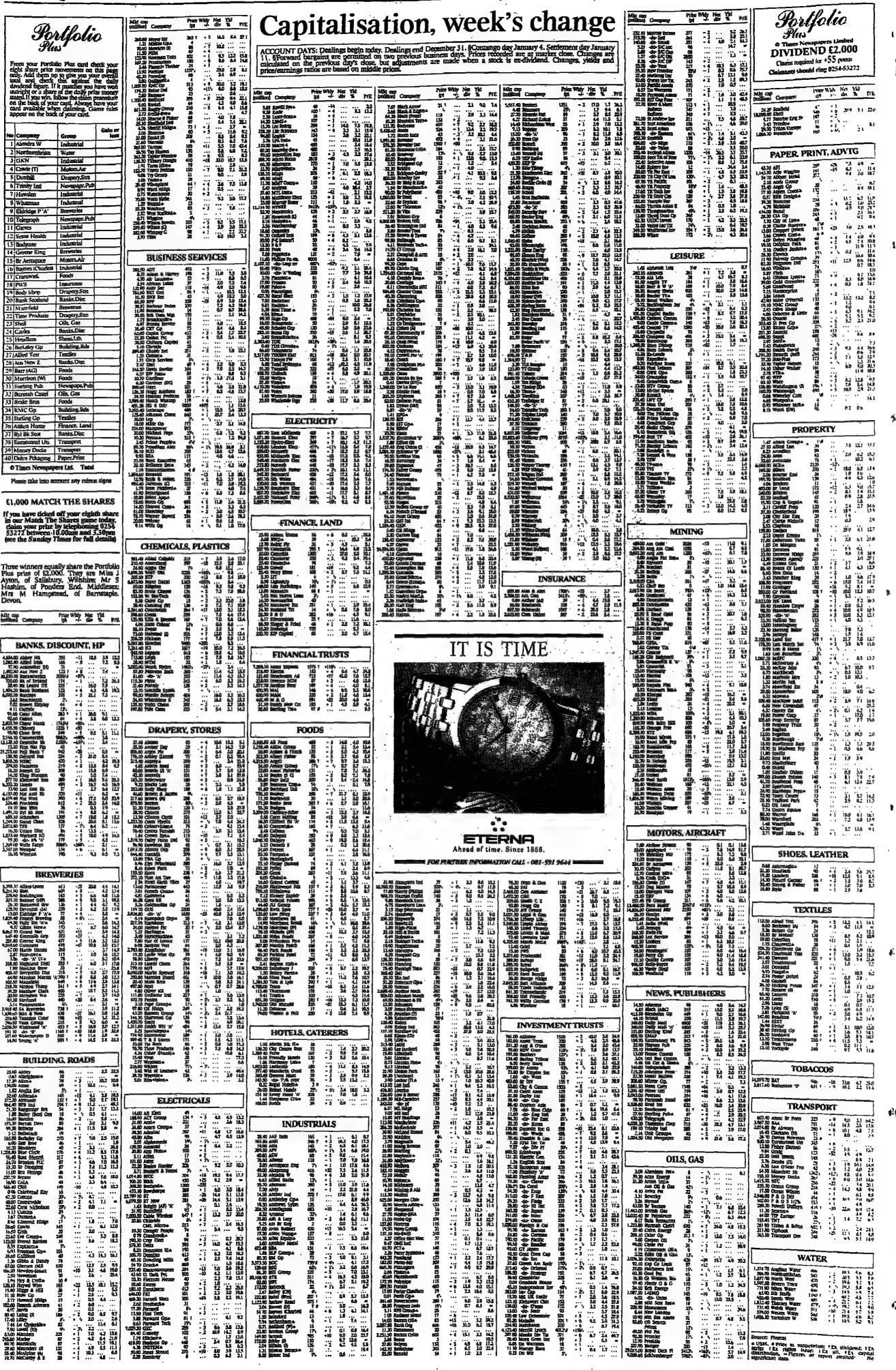
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# Managers' discontent rises during recession

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH managers are losing faith in their employers. In the struggle to survive recession, companies are alienating key managers by overloading them and ignoring concerns over promotion prospects and career development.

A study by the Institute of Management shows that, while directors cut out layers of middle management and talk of teamwork and delegating power, executives are becoming disillusioned. They see promotion prospects disappear with every redundancy.
Meantime, pay is linked to
performance at a time when teamwork, more than ever,

Two out of three managers believe their employers pay too little attention to career man-

#### Mines see 5,000 take redundancy

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than a quarter of the miners at the ten pits that British Coal says must close have accepted voluntary redundancy. In total, 5,130 miners, more than one in six of the 30,000 British Coal wanted to shed in its original closure programme, have left

the industry.
The scale of redundancies among miners at pits earmarked for early closure undermines the credibility of the 90-day review procedure under which the mines' prospects are being examined.

Baroness Denton, the industry minister, said in a written reply in the House of Lords that by November 27, 4,881 miners had been made redundant. Of these, 1,870 were at pits subsequently placed in the review procedure. Production at most of these mines, which previously employed 7,350 men, has

In the week to December 4, the most recent for which figures are available, redundancies had fallen to 249.

agement and development. A similar proportion said they were worried about promotion opportunities. Roger Young, the institute's director-general, said the results showed a widening gulf between organisations and

managers. "In focusing on the measurement and achieve-ment of short-term performance improvements, they are neglecting managers' wider development needs and motivation," he said.

The survey — which attracted replies from some 360 individual managers and 240 organisations - may have tended to provoke responses from managers who felt most disenchanted. However, the institute believes the findings will strike a chord with many middle managers who feel increasingly isolated from boardroom thinking.

Almost every organisation that responded, claimed to be implementing or planning programmes to develop man-agers skills. But few were able to detail specific initiatives. Fewer than half had mechanisms for identifying potential senior managers; and 44 per cent of organisations acknowledged that there were fewer opportunities for promoting managers than five years ago.

Managers were sceptical about the trend towards performance-related pay. Twothirds of the organisations responding said performance was a key yardstick in determining pay. Yet half the managers surveyed felt their pay packets bore little relation to their contributions. Despite increased emphasis in many companies on team-working. only a handful of companies gave it any attention when measuring performance.

The study's authors ac-knowledge that some of the cynicism and womies may reflect wider economic uncertainty. There are fewer promotion opportunities in a recession. But they found that companies had failed to offer managers more lateral moves. or increase emphasis on trainchange.

Who's Managing the Managers? Institute of Management, Corby, Northants; £15.



Point of light: Czech business leaders on a management course at Ashridge College

# Ashridge aids Czech bosses

By DEREK HARRIS

ASHRIDGE Management College is strengthening its links with the emerging Czech and Slovak republics by helping 180 top managers in 60 companies to come to terms with running a business in a free economy.

In addition to offering three-week management pro-grammes in Britain, the college has set up a headquarters in Prague. The businesses involved include investment banks, component makers for Skoda and an information agency for the Budweiser Budvar brewery.

Three management pro-rammes held so far at Ashridge in Hertfordshire have been financially supported by the British government's "know-how". The college

hopes continued aid will be forthcoming and has been establishing a working rela-tionship with the Gradua Institute, a leading management college in Prague.
Edgar Wille, an Ashridge
tutor, has been dealing mainly

with the Prague end of the drive to fill the knowledge gaps for the Czech and Slovak managers. He said: "For any-body accustomed only to a state-time accustomed impropries." state-run economy, immense changes in thinking are de-manded. We have found it has meant going back to many management basics. It has been especially hard for them to understand the rights of shareholders as owners of a

business." The point was underlined by two women on the latest Ashridge programme, both involved in management training. Pavla Ripplora is assistant to the director of the Gradua Institute, and Jana Huchova is head of a training agency in what will become Slovakia on January 1.

Both believe there is a near total lack of management skills as they are understood in the West because under the former communist regime, state businesses were told what to produce at what price and in what quantity. Mrs Huchova said: "For the first time, businesses are having to decide who their customers - and learning how to achieve the right timings and price for both raw materials and the

#### REPORTING THIS WEEK

# Asda serves a tasty recipe for a return to the black

A RETURN to profit is expected at Asda, the food retailer that has made progress under Archie Norman, the chief executive, and his management team. Analysts expect pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to November, due on Friday, to top £30 million. The market range is from £31 million upwards with Nigel Davies, of Fleming, at the top end of the projections with £39 million. Last time, Asda lost £68.8 million, although it would have shown profits of £10 million without exceptional items. This time interest charges will have been slashed by last year's rights

issue. Mr Davies says that if rumours of a like-for-like growth in sales volume prove true, some analysts will have to upgrade full-year forecasts. Asda is believed to have arrested its sales decline, although it faces a tough uphill struggle against stron-ger rivals. Analysis think that prudence will call for the in-

terim dividend to be cut below 1p. BZW fears the payout could be as low as 0.4p.

#### TODAY

Strategic moves by Berkeley. the housebuilder, over the past three years should be justified with a rise of more than 10 per cent in pre-tax profits for the half year to September.

Interim pre-tax profits were £5.4 million last year and could hit £6 million this time. Anything better will send analysts to revise full year forecasts up from £15 million against £12.6 million in 1991-92.

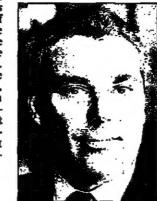
A slowdown in container markets plus a capital spend-ing programme weighted to-wards the first half will push pre-tax profits at Tiphook, headed by Robert Montague, down from £39.2 million to £35 million in the six months to October, County NatWest says. However, it says the dividend is well covered and will rise from 4.4p to 4.8p. Interims: Berkeley; British Bio-technology; Pelican; Tiphook. Pinale: Electronic Data Processing, Polar, Richards. Economic statis-tics: Household food consumption.

TOMORROW

Southern Electricity and Southern Water report first in a heavy three days for privatised utilities. Donna Lury at Nikko thinks the water comcent profit rise to £62 million according to Ian Graham, of for the half year to September although the dividend will be thinks distribution profits 8 per cent up at 7.7p. South- could be up against the gener-



Norman: progress



Montague: slowdown

em Electricity's interim prof its will be up from £13.7 million but will give little clue to the full year. Analysts agree there will be an interim dividend increase from 4.9p. BZW goes for 5.2p, County NatWest for 5.5p. Carr fears that exceptional

charges of £10 million will push YJ Lovell into an £8.5 million loss for the year to September, with residential and commercial developments losing money on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Interima: Birkby; Brasway; Courts
(Furnishers); Creighton's Naturally; Ferranti International, Fleming Income & Capital Investment;
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Dartmoor Investment Trust,
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Radio, Sanderson Bectronics.
Economic statistics: Company
liquidity (third quarter); CBI survey
of distributive trades (November);
producer price Index numbers
(November); Index of production
(October).

#### WEDNESDAY

Northern Electricity pre-tax profits, after reduced interest charges, could go up from £26 County NatWest. He also

dividend increase from 5.55p to 6.3p.

Seeboard gave shareholders the highest percentage dividend increase last year and may go for 5.7p at the halfway stage compared with a previous 5p. UBS Phillips & Drew sees profits of £10 million, well up on the £5.9 million earned in the same period last year.

period last year.
Interima: Bristol Water, Northern
Electric, Seeboard, Wentworth
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Daily Mail & General Trust, Group
Development Capital, Hasmocell,
Yeoman Investment Trust. Economic statistics: Public sector

#### THURSDAY

The 53-week period to September has been a time of consolidation for Devenish. the pubs group that sold its brewing interests to Whitbread but added 46 managed houses to its estate. Nigel Popham, the sector analyst at Teather & Greenwood, estimates a rise in pre-tax profits from £11.5 million to £13.4 million for the six months to September.

Yorkshire Electricity should match other utilities by increasing profits to about £40 million, compared with a previous £33.1 million, helped by lower interest charges. The dividend was increased 13 per cent last year and a similar rise would give an interim 5.9p,

would give an interim 5.9p, up from 5.23p. Interims: Abtrust Preferred Income Trust, Bromsgrove Industries, Danae Investment Trust, First Technology, Gold Greenlees Trott, Laarmonth & Burchett Management Systems, MS International, Optometrics, TGI, Tinsley Robor, Wesser Water, Yorkshire Electricity, Finals: Acatos & Hutcheson, Baroom, JA Devenish, Gestetner, GWR, Shoprite, Turkey Trust, Economic statistics: Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (November provisional); average earnings Indicas (October provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputss; lebour tone survey (June-August); provisional (November).

#### FRIDAY

Interims: Asda, Electric & General Investment, Jones & Shipman. Finals: Bankers Investment Trust, Brunner Investment Trust, Ricene-E-Ze, Kleinwort Charter IT, Sycamore. Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (Decamber); building societies monthly figures (November); banking groups' monthly statement (November); provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (November); belance of payments (third

RODNEY HOBSON

#### Ladbroke replaces US racing chief

LADBROKE Group has replaced one of the senior executives of its troubled American horse race betting businesses (Philip Robinson writes). David Goodwill has stepped

down as president of Ladbroke Racing Corporation with effect from the start of the month. Ladbroke said: "It is the subject of certain negotiations. We will make a statement on Wednesday." Mr Goodwill is understood

to have been replaced by John Long, former head of Lad-broke's Off Track Betting opcrations in Pennsylvania.

Racing sources said the change was linked with Ladbroke's failure to gain permission to run betting shops in the states of Michigan and Minnesota.

Losses at the Detroit Race Course in Michigan were more than \$1.2 million in 1991, while state permission for off track betting in Minnesota was overturned by a Supreme Court ruling.

## GILT-EDGED

# Prospect of 5% rates may boost unit trusts

igns of strengthening economic activity, an acceleration in M0 growth, and a worsening in inflation expectations have all increased caution about the scope for further base rate cuts. The futures market appears to expect a cut of little more than 's per cent in base rates during the first half of 1993, and a rise back to almost 7 per cent by the end of the year.

reasons for this increased caution. First, after many false dawns, there are at last signs of a recovery in consumer spending. Following a lengthy period in which retail sales and car registrations stagnated, both appear to have started rising in recent months. A firmer trend in consumer spending is also suggested by the acceleration in M0 growth to 3 per cent in November.

There seem to be two main

At the same time, there has been an increase in pessimism about the outlook for inflation. This began with the Treasury's Autumn Statement forecast that there would be no further improvement in the underlying rate of retail price inflation over the next year from its current rate of 34 per cent. The National Institute then predicted a rise in the underlying rate of inflation to 44 per cent by the fourth quarter of 1993.

However, these interest rate expectations are likely to prove too pessimistic. A combination of rapidly rising un-employment and decining house prices does not provide strong underpinning for a sustained recovery in consumer spending.
Elsewhere in the economy.

there is little sign of any strength in activity. GDP was unchanged between the second and third quarters and recent survey data point to little or no pick-up in the fourth quarter. Although the government may feel that policy has been eased suffi-ciently for the time being, it is unlikely that any recovery over the next few months will prove sufficiently robust to remove pressure for lower base rates.

The inflation outlook also

remains favourable. Pay settlements have fallen to 4 per cent and they should drop further during the course of the pay round as headline inflation falls to under 3 per cent and unemployment rises above 3 million. A 14 per cent limit on public sector pay increases will also help to keep settlements on a downward trend.
A combination of declining

wage inflation and rapid pro-ductivity growth should lead to a further steady reduction in unit wage cost increases. These domestic disinflationary forces arising from the recession should outweigh the inflationary impact of the devaluation, cutting underlying inflation to about 34 per

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cent during 1993. Such an inflation performance would maintain the underlying rate of retail price inflation within the government's target range of 1 to 4 per cent and should represent no barrier to further

cuts in base rates.

A similar conclusion flows from an assessment of developments in the broad range of monetary and other indicators used by the government to guide monetary policy deci-sions. Although M0 growth has moved into the top half of the target range, other mone-tary policy indicators suggest that monetary policy is not overly accommodating. These include the weak growth in broad money, the continued decline in house prices, subdued price expectations in business and consumer surveys, and the recent recovery

in the exchange rate.

Overall, the market has become too pessimistic about inflation, too optimistic on UK recovery and too pessi-

mistic about the scope for lower UK interest rates. Base rates are likely to fall to 5 per cent by the middle of next year. This means that there is still value at the short end of the yield curve and, as base rates fall, the curve is likely to steepen a little further. The long end of the curve may also become increasingly attractive to investors over time as

short rates fall and deposit

rates follow.

As in America, this may spawn growth in gilt unit trusts, so that retail savings can benefit from high long term yields, and this may eventually flatten an unusual-ly steep yield curve. In this environment, ten-year gilt yields can probably drop by 50 to 75 basis points from current levels, even if short rates move a little higher over the second half of next year.

DAVID WALTON Goldman Sachs International

# Trio to buy money broker

By Jon Ashworth

TRIO Investment Trust is expected to announce this week it is buying Martin Bierbaum, an international money broker, for about £25 million. The architect of the deal is David Hagan, former head of the Equity Inter-Dealer Bro-kers at Tullett & Tokyo. In May, he took effective management control of Trio and is using it as a platform on which

to build a global money, securities and derivatives broking

firm. Shares in Trio were

suspended at 55p in July, while details of the proposed purchase were finalised. Trio, which will discard its

investment trust status, is paying about £25 million to be financed through a £15 million placing and a £10.5 million rights issue underwritten by Smith New Court. Martin Bierbaum has about

750 employees in ten offices in the world's main financial centres, including 300 in London.

# WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

(a) An inhabitant of the jungle, or, as an adjective, jungly: "Just oneself with half a dozen of one's men and some jungli villagers." "Already he ceases to be a jungli. Note, Wild and boorish, a clodhopper or uneducated peasant."

MICKERY

(b) A type of Australian well, origin anknown: "A mickery was a timbered well-shaft sunk into the sandy bed of a creek; it was worked by means of a pole placed across a forked stick, the pole having a bucket attached to one end and a weight to the other."

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(b) A gambling game, another name for tig-it, in which players on one side have to goess in which hand of the opposite side's a button or small coin is hidden, ? = cod 'em: "The game of Up Jenkins was also called Coddam and Tip-it." "A Coddam match for a wager and a fish

(c) In Mexico, land farmed communally, a co-operative farm, land to which communal title is held, Mexican Spanish from the Latin exitus departure: "Zapata proposed the ejido system in which title to lands was to be vested in the landholding village."

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# CHANGE ON WEEK

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GROSS The rate of interest payable without the deduction of

basic rate income tax. \*\* CAR The gross rate annualised to take account of the compounding of interest paid monthly.

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# Sir Ron builds his barricades

ir Ron Dearing's dire warning that his Financial Reporting Council could be doomed. unless it receives support, sounds both surpris-ing and, on the surface, alarmist. At the moment, his regime of statute-based self-regulation seems to be riding high in the war against corporate financial shenanigans.. The Accounting Standards Board has changed the accounting climate, pushed through one of the most thorough changes for many a year and is well up with its eighteen-month blitz on the most obvious accounting abuses.

On the enforcement side, the FRC's review panel On the enforcement side, the FRU's review panel has managed to inspire fear and persuade companies to accept its rulings and mend their ways without going to court. Only the Trafalgar House case got near the brink. Trafalgar's old board backed away, instructively, because it judged that its repute in the City, once high, had fallen so low that it could not risk a bruising court case. not risk a bruising court case.

Beyond the central battleground of accounting standards, the Cadbury committee, which was spon-sored by the FRC and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, has come up with a workable, if modest, code for improving standards in the boardroom that keeps both management interests and institutional investors on board. The Auditing Practices Board has been galvanised into arguing Fractices Board has been galvanised into arguing that the expectations gap be closed by auditors doing what the public expects. Many auditors are delighted that stern old values might regain sway. The ICAEW, which is behind many of these initiatives, has started reforms in audit quality, ethics, discipline and openness in the profession.

The ICAEW is sufficiently confident of the action it has taken or sponsored on swap different fronts to

has taken or sponsored on seven different fronts to think that the profession can now afford to take a more robust line with its critics. Sir Ron is too experienced a campaigner to go along with that. His warnings are a pre-emptive strike against critics combined with a call for reformers to throw up the barricades against potential storms ahead.

Sir Ron knows that the FRC's honeymoon is over. Powerful companies such as banks and takeover kings may no longer be prepared, for the general good, to go along with changes that affect their interests keenly, as much of the ASB's reform programme for 1993 is likely to do. Such powerful interests may have fewer qualms than Trafalgar House about challenging the review panel in court and, as the panel's chairman notes, it is far from sure that its interpretations will withstand that test. Many backwoodsmen at the ICAEW think the cost of regulation too high and the pace of change there too hectic. The institute's constitution gives them a big voice. The Cadbury code will severely test the enthusiasm of institutional shareholders. The APB's vision will leave many of them far behind.

anged on the other side of Sir Ron's castle, critics of self-regulation, who never had much patience, will look for reformers to deliver results faster than they are able after only two years at the task. The APB's plans to tighten up acquisition accounting will not take effect before 1994. The accountancy institutes' first report to the DTI on audit quality has shown that the hinterland of the profession has a great deal of work to do. Inevitable company disasters will focus attention on weaknesses in the Cadbury code, which will need more scope and bite when it is reviewed in 1995. Many of the APB's more far-reaching suggestions will make little progress until then and may need legislation.

Government, though loath to open that box, may well want a new Companies Act before the next election. The question is what will be in it measures to reinforce self-regulation and ease its path, or burdensome and potentially hostile statutory controls? Those who value self-regulation should heed the message of the corporate sector's chief scout - be prepared.

# Currency speculators could rescue UK from 'twin deficits' nightmare

The pound needs years of weakness to attract substantial investment into Britain's anaemic manufacturing sector, says Anatole Kaletsky

he title Twin Peaks may be catchier than Twin Deficits. but as surreal thrillers go, the management of the British economy can compete with any Hollywood movie. For a start, some colourful character-actors have suddenly been given walk-on parts.

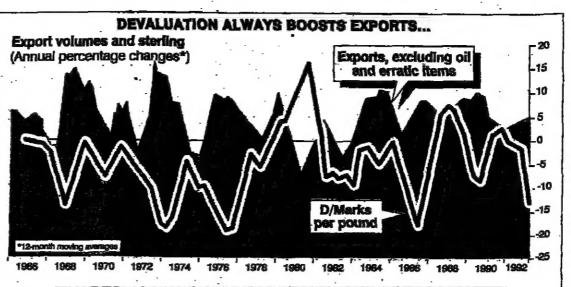
The appointment of the Treasury's new panel of outside economic advisers seems likely to give an extra boost to the recovery, via a further cut in interest rates. Four of the so-called "seven wise men" — Wynne Godley, Tim Congdon, Patrick Minford and Gavyn Davies — are on record demanding interest rates of 5 per cent or lower; a fifth, Andrew Sentance, works for the CBI, which has called for an immediate cut to 6 per cent. The Treasury may say it is more interested in the panel's fore-casting expertise than in its policy advice. But the five-to-two majority among the wise men in favour of sharply lower rates will make it hard for Treasury officials to counter demands from the Conservative party and John Major for more effective

Some City dealers were so amused by the new panel's appointment that, in the absence of other market-moving news, they attributed the pound's ups and downs last week to statements by Professors Minford and Godley. This was giving too much credit to the bit players. The pound rose sharply earlier this month because investment institutions and multinational companies that had made billions at the Bank of England's expense on Black Wednesday wanted to lock in some of those profits before Christmas. By Tuesday, most of this end-year buying was finished and the pound duly shimped - which brings us back from the subplot to the main drama of Twin

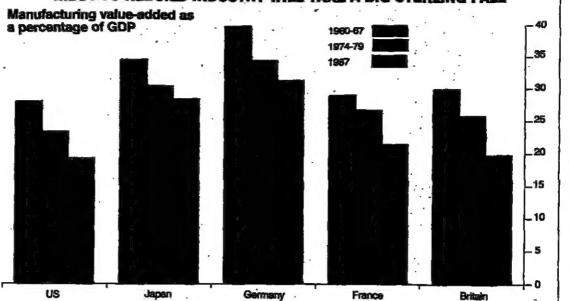
Deficits.

If a strong economic recovery begins next year, the markets will soon be reminded of the most crippling symptom of Britain's long-term economic failure — a trade deficit that just seems to keep on growing, however much the pound is devalued and however fiercely the Treasury squeezes domestic demand. If, on the other hand, the economy stays stuck in its present sickly convalescence, the other deficit - the unprecedented gap between govern-ment spending and taxes — will loom into view, as described in this column three weeks ago.

The most probable outcome is a combination of the two: both the fiscal and trade deficits will assume nightmarish proportions. The Treasury will be too timid to permit the







rapid economic growth that could avert a fiscal crisis. But the recovery will be just strong enough to suck in more imports, create an unsustainable trade deficit, and finally trigger an inflationary run on the pound, in the style of the 1976 IMF crisis.

Past experience would certainly suggest such a dénouement to the present economic drama - and sconer, rather than later, as many City analysts are beginning to warn. City analysis are beginning to warn. But before getting carried away with the tragic possibilities, it is worth recalling that a deus ex machina suddenly intruded into the plot on September 16. On White Wednesday, financial speculators saved Britania, formula speculators saved Britania. ain from the disaster of ERM membership. These same speculators could yet help to steer the economy between the twin perils of the trade and fiscal deficits. To see how requires a historical digression. The root cause of most of Britain's

economic problems since the first world war is a chronic inability to pay our way in the world by selling exports. As every businessman knows, there are only two sure ways for a company to increase its sales by making a product better or more attractive than the competition's, and

by offering it at a lower price. This is as true for a country as it is for an

Every country would like to im-prove the "quality" of its goods, but that is a matter for individual businesses, not governments. When it comes to selling a nation's products on price, by contrast, governments can quickly boost exports — by making their currencies cheaper.

evaluation has always worked in Britain, at least in the short term. As the top chart shows, Britain's exports have risen every time the pound has fallen, in a counterpoint that has moved almost perfectly throughout the 25 years since the devaluation of 1967. Devaluation has also worked, at least in the short term, in virtually every industrialised and developing country in the post-war era, as well as in most European countries after the gradual break-down of the gold standard in 1931.

However, devaluation has also carried risks and costs. Until the 1980s, each major fall in the pound — in 1967, in 1973 and in 1976 — initially stimulated exports, but then produced higher inflation. Inflation soon whittled away the trade benefits of devaluation, leading to another balance of payments crisis and then a further fall in the pound.

Sooner or later, this rake's progress had to be stopped — which was why the IMF was called in in 1976 and why the country turned to Margaret Thatcher three years later. The pound was duly revived and the current account was consistently in surplus from 1980 to 1986. In retrospect, however, it looks as if Britain's sudden recovery from its chronic balance of psyments disease had less to do with the financial medicine administered by the IMF and Lady Thatcher than with the discovery of North Sea oil.

Unfortunately, the sudden rise in the pound that proved to be a side-effect of Britain's oil wealth did great dament to the country's chility to

damage to the country's ability to export and to sell goods in competition with imports at home.

Britain's inefficient and featherbedded manufacturing industries were long overdue for a shake-up in labour relations and management methods. The trading companies that survived the period of overvalued sterling became far more efficient, but too few survived. All advanced economies gradually shift their output away from manufacturing, as the bottom chart shows. But in Britain and America this shift has gone much further than in other countries.

In Britain, the consequences became apparent from the mid-1980s. when the pound had returned to a more reasonable level and domestic demand had revived. Growing consumption stimulated industrial production and investment in Britain. but there were not enough domestic manufacturers to meet demand. Imports rapidly gained market share. and the current account deteriorated by the equivalent of 5 per cent of GDP from 1985 to 1988. By early 1989, Nigel Lawson faced a 1970sstyle sterling crisis, and hoisted interest rates from 7½ to 15 per cent.

ost economists believe that a similar fate will befall the next recovery, except that the balance of payments crisis will hit Britain much sooner. After all, the economic upswing of the 1990s will start from a current account deficit of 2 per cent of GDP in the present recession, instead of the surplus of 2.5 per cent Britain enjoyed in 1981.

Yet there does seem to be a way out. which is where the speculators come in. America and Britain have two historical experiences in common. In the early 1980s, they had a brief period when their exchange rates became extremely overvalued, wiping out large parts of their manufacturing industries. Even more significantly, they had long periods of high exchange rates, especially against the yen and the German mark, in the 1950s and 1960s. These were the decades when Germany and Japan built up their formidable export industries, while the incentives for manufacturing investment in the Anglo-Saxon countries became rela-

The markets could force the Treasury to abandon its long-standing attachment to a high exchange rate. not just for a few weeks or months, but for a decade or more. To restore Britain's ability to export, the pound must fall to a level that makes new investment in British manufacturing and other trading activities irresistibly attractive. The pound must become undervalued, as the dollar has been in the past few years.

Because of the depth of the present recession, this is an ideal time to allow a fall in the pound to overshoot. The faster sterling becomes undervalued, the greater the chances of avoiding inflation and maintaining the competitive benefits, as in the mid-1980s, instead of wasting them as in the previous two decades.

Of course, the government would have to do more than just watch the pound drop. Next week, I will discuss how a cheap sterling policy could avoid inflation. Above all, the government would have to reduce its budget deficit to divert resources into investment and exports. That is why this drama is called Twin Deficits. It is nearly time for the speculators to get back on stage for the second act.

#### Tomorrow's deadline moulds the future of pensions law

From Mr Richard Davis

Sir, The deadline of the De-cember 15 for submission of proposals and recommendations as to the future of pensions law to the Goode Committee fast approaches.

We are all aware that the main cause of its review is the Maxwell situation. Why did not someone "blow

the whistle" or stop him? In simple terms the problem appears to be his track record of threats of actual dismissal from employment or actions for libel or slander in court to those who questioned his actions or chose to challenge him

("the risk factor"). The previous and still existing legal requirements were

found wanting.
On any breaches of company law and trust law that he committed, it is easy with hindsight to suggest the means of control exist.

The main issue appears to be how enforceable trust law is in such situations, particularly to react quickly? Injunctions by other trustees to restrain activities, or by members with limited means and resources to meet their costs and those of

Robert Maxwell himself if Sir, It was with some interest

they were not successful, particularly in the light of the risk factor ? Trust law is the way forward as Pension Trust Law. It

should be indentified as such and consolidated in one up-to-It should provide that occupational pension schemes be

the guarantee funds for pension promises in the employment contracts. Employment Law should be updated to reflect the seriousness of the contractual commitment, particularly on the disclosure procedure, alteration of terms, and enforceability.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD G. L. DAVIS (Partner), Eversheds, Evershed Wells & Hind, 10 Newhall Street, Birmingham.

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#### A user body the regulator would consult

they provide BT with its

Postal users should take

note of this, bearing in mind

that Mr Michael Heseltine

has said he will privatise

Parcelforce and has had the

rest of the Post Office under

review since the end of July.

An announcement is expected

BUSINESS EFFERENCE

From Mr T. S. Corrigan

that I read the article in your Focus on BT feature on December 3 about BT's relationship with its regulator.
The impression given is that
BT does what Oftel bids them,
not because they wish to but

because they have no choice. This contrasts with BT's attitude to users, which app-

ears to be that while they are entitled to have a point of view and to express it, they should have no positive role in ensuring that BT gives them what

In the event of a decision for more privatisation, appropriate regulatory arrangements will need to be put in place. At

present the government, as owner, acts as the Post Office regulator and the Council which I chair has a statutory

From Dr D. J. Davies

Sir. Mr D. Peter Smith (Business Letters, December 9)

wonders where are the missing millions of unemployed?
It is well recognised among family doctors countrywide that a disproportionate section of the population is drawing various forms of sickness and invalidity benefits for specious medical and related condi-

tions which are difficult to In addition, the normal

Diagnosing the missing unemployed degenerative conditions of ageing constitute an excuse for the early retired to supplement their income with long term social security benefits, which furthermore can be tax free to

the age of 70 years. This not insignificant section of the community is in fact living at the expense of the harder working tax payer.

Yours faithfully, DR. D. J. DAVIES, Resolven, Neath, Glam.

role on behalf of all users. although no regulatory pow-ers, which inter alia requires it to be consulted by the Post Office about proposed

changes to prices and services. The impression of the regulatory experience of privatised utilities thus far in the UK is that the establishment of price structures, service standards, compensation and complaints procedures stem more from considerations of providing regulated competition than

from the service needs of users. The regulator, not the users' representative, decides (and the impression given in the Focus article is that if they had their way BT would decide). My Council therefore favours the creation of a regulatory structure which provides for the establishement of an inde-pendent user body which the regulator has a statutory duty to consult. Your feature article reinforces that view.

Yours faithfully T. S. CORRIGAN (Chairman),

(Post Office Users' National Council). Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road,

# Ski club runs

#### into resistance THE Stock Exchange Ski

Club, whose turn it is to host

the next inter-bourse ski con-

test, in St Anton, Austria, on January 25, is in high dud-geon after being refused sponsorship by a number of the City's leading financial institutions. The final straw came, it claims, when the Stock Exchange reversed a decision to foot a £600 bill for lapel badges, after the art work had been commissioned. The SE insists that it offered only administrative assistance Others that refused to spend any money in support of the event, even though it will attract up to 500 contestants from 25 stock exchanges, include the Bank of England, the Corporation of London and the Committee for Invisible Earnings. Notable excep-tions are Warburg, which will pay for the welcoming party. Reuters, which is paying for a gala dinner, Whitbread and LIFFE. "We have managed to raise the £80,000 sponsorship we needed without any help from our City forefathers, says a disgruntled Richard Stancomb, a stockbroker and ski club member. "This is the first time London has hosted it since 1984, and it will be a success despite them. If the City cannot get its act together and advertise itself then it does not deserve to be a leading

Howlers from KB

financial centre."

A STRANGE howling noise is likely to be heard emanating lift when people leave, so that from the directors' dining everyone does a double take.



T keep having this dreadful nightmare about Tiny retiring from Loutho..."

room at Kleinwort Benson's Fenchurch Street tower block on December 21, as guests of the firm's investment strategy team arrive for pre-Christmas drinks. The howling, for once, will have nothing to do with the directors. The originators will be two tame wolves owned by Roger Palmer, the chief investment strategist. Palmer, who has kept wolves in a pen on his farm in Berkshire for many years, allowing them regularly into his home, and letting them be used in a num-ber of films, including Ameri-can Werewolf in London, has finally persuaded KB chairman David Peake to allow him to bring two of the muchloved creatures on to the premises. "Guests will be in the senior staff canteen on the 23rd floor, with the wolves a floor below," explains Trevor Laugharne, one of Palmer's colleagues. "We are even thinking of putting one in the

Roger assures us that they are very tame." Fund managers who have received invitations. with a handwritten post-script advising that the wolves will be present, have been tele-phoning KB in disbelief. They think we are joking," adds Laugharne. "We are definitely not." Palmer, away on a European business trip, is said to be considering rescuing the 14 wolves at Windsor Safari Park, but is meeting resistance from his long-suffering wife,

#### Guild recruit IT CAN be revealed exclusive-

ly in this column that Jimmy Hill, the television football commentator and former Fulham footballer, has become a hubricator. To be more precise. he has joined the Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators, which had its annual service at St Margarer's Church, Westminster on Friday. Despite its title, the guild has nothing to do with drink. It was formed by a group of oilmen with the intention of socialising while at the same time raising funds for charity. This, to its credit, the guild has done over the years with some style, raising many thousands of pounds being for deserving causes. Few oilmen, if any, are now listed among its exclusive membership, which also in-cludes several company chairmen and at least one fund manager. After the service at Westminster, the Lubricators retired to a private room at the Savoy to pursue the aims of the guild. They may still be

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (52530) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (40903530) 6.00 Ceefax (52530) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (40903530)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical debate with Robert kilroy-Silk (2687004)
9.45 Ross King with the javelim-thrower Steve Backley (s) (8879998)
10.00 News and weather (3601004) 10.05 Playdays (f) (s) (9217337)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Includes Liz Simpson's beauty spot, medical matters with Dr Mark Porter and a report from Australia by Carlo Smille (s), Including at 11.00 and 12.00 News, regional news and weather (48760172) 12.15 Pebble Mill Atan Titchmarsh's guest is Joe McGann of ITV's The Upper Hand (s) (5565356) 12.55 Regional news and weather (65619714)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (68004)
1.50 Going for Gold Henry Kelly presents the run-up to Friday's final of the European quiz (s) (21061288)
2.15 Paradise: The Coward American western sense (2071578)

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2.15 Paradise: The Coward American western sense (3071676)
3.00 Family Affairs. Glona Hunniford and Caron Keating meet Father Christmas who gives advice on smart toys (7882)

3.30 Tom and Jerry Double Bill, Cal-and-mouse animation (5169004)

3.45 Children's BBC: Henry's Cat (r) (6860004) 3.50 Wildbunch (r) (s) (5149240) 4.05 Gordon T. Gopher (r) (7110733) 4.15 Jimbo and the Jet Set. Cartoon adventure (r) (8923820) 4.20 Watt on Earth Science-liction comedy traiter (s) (2015849) 4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates. Tales of the immortal boy. (Ceelax) (s) (5829375) 4.55 Newsround (3215191) 5.05 Blue Peter. Festive songs from the Vienna Boys' Choir. (Ceelax) (s) (4903545) the Vienna Boys' Choir. (Ceelax) (s) (4903545)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceelax) (s) (385608). Northern freland: Inside

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceelax)

Weather (337) 6.30 Regional news magazines (917) Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceelax) (s) (2191)
7.30 Watchdog Special: The Hard Sell

© CHOICE: The cowboy plumbers or the double-glazing touts who

teature so regularly on this show can be enormously entertaining, unless of course you happen to be among their victims. The more unless of course you happen to be among their victims. The more puzzling question is why people are taken in by them. In this special softion, John Stapleton tries to give the answer. He deals with door to-door selling, in which folks who have absolutely no intention of buying the product find themselves signing on the dotted line before the evening is out. We go to a mock auction, from which guilible customers come away with televisions and videos they could have got for a fraction of the price elsewhere. And there is tresh light on the biggest hard sell of all, the timeshare. The message is that although the public may be fools, the pressures on them are often very difficult to resist. (Ceefax) (801)



Final curtain: Carmen Silvera and Gorden Kaye (8.00pm)

8.00 'Allo 'Allot in the last episode of the long-running sticom, the 8.00 And Alkot in the last episode of the long-running strom, the French farceurs prepare for liberation, and there is a brief glimpse of an elderly René and Edith in present day France. Starring Gorden Kaye and Carmen Silvera. (Ceefax) (s) (8511).
8.30 The Good Life: When I'm 65. An episode from 1978 of the self-sufficiency cornedy series Tom (Richard Briers) starts to think about a pension for Barbara (Felicity Kendall) (r) (7646).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (7240).
9.30 Panorama: Wanna Buy a Railway? Vivian White reports on the government's plans for the privatisation of British Rail (898917).
10.10 Film '92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Chaptin and The-Murroel Christmas Special and the director Rob Reiner talks about.

Muppel Christmas Special, and the director Rob Reiner talks about A Few Good Man (s) (700820). Northern Ireland: In Performance

(771801). Wales: Between Ourselves 10.40 Come Dancing. Rosemane Ford hosts the final between London South and London North (s) (184511). Northern Ireland: 10.45 Film '92 with Barry Norman (797578)

11.15 The Rock Academy. A film about the Musicians' Institute in Los Angeles (787191). Northern Ireland: Come Dancing (616820).

Wales: Film '92 with Barry Norman 11.45 Careering Ahead (r) (786462). Northern Ireland: 11.50 Careering Ahead (638527) Wales: 11.45 The Rock Academy 12.15am Weather (5729573). Wales. (to 12.45) Careering Ahead

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5123240) 8.15 Westminster (5146191)
8.30 Collecting Now with John FitzMaurice Mills (f) (1162578)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Paths News from 1952 (5526268)
9.00 Film: A Lady Without Passport (1950, b/w). Feeble thriller staming John Hodiak as an undercover agent who falls in love with Hedy Larram. Directed by Joseph H. Lews (5242356)
10.10 Film: With Earth (1950, b/w). Concerning George Research

10.10 Film: Kitty Foyle (1940, b/w). Oscar winner Ginger Rogers as a woman tom between two men. Directed by Sam Wood (51321801) 11.55 Christmas Crackers. Children's opinion of Santa Claus (r) (868820) 12.00 The Sky at Night (f) (s) (8245801)

12.20 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. The first of five lectures by Dr Richard Dawkins is on Darwin's theories of evolution

iectures by Dr Hochard Dawkins is on Derwin's ineones of evolution and natural selection (r) (s) (2931801)

1.20 Pingu (r) (39811172) 1.25 Johnson and Friends (11439511)

1.35 Another War, Another Peace: Middle East — A New Order. Magnus Magnusson on the bitth of the state of Israel (37311820)

2.00 News and weather (89188801) followed by Michael Barry's

Choice Cuts. Pizza recipes (83028)

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2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (515801). Northern Ireland:
The Victorian Kitchen Garden: Weles: Wales in Westminster

2.45 Canvas. Robert Hughes examines da Vinci's Mona Lisa (8750578)

3.00 News and weather (7696998) followed by Songs of Praise. Pam
Rhodes attends a mobile carol service (I): (Ceelax) (5) (1681511)

3.40 A Week to Remember (b/v) (as 8.50am) (1681511) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (1681511) 4.00 Catchword. Paul Cola hosts the word game (s) (1681511) 4.30 Behind the Headlines with Jarie Corbin (714)
5.00 The Comics. Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane (r) (7269)

5.30 The Living Garden presented by Geoff Hamilton (r). (Ceefax) (408)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Gothic humour (r). (Ceefax) (154191)
6.25 Def II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. American comedy

series (s) (240462) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party (s) (779559
7.20 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. Twelth Night (s) (294527)
7.45 Prisoners of Conscience. An appeal by A.S. Byatt (133288)
7.50 Doctors to Be: Look Back in Anger CHOICE. The last programme in an excellent series follows half a
dozen of the newly qualified doctors through their first few months
as house officers and finds that the 80- and 90-hour working weeks
are taking their toli. Dr Nick Hollings says love of the job is rubbish

are taking their toli. Dr Nick Hollings says love of the job is rubbish and he would have no qualms about going on strike tomorrow. Dr John Shephard says he enjoys the work but loathes the job: "it degrades you and brutalises you and makes no allowance for the fact that you are a human being." His marriage is coming under increasing strain. Dr Jane Morris says if she was able to choose again, it would not be medicine. Just why it is necessary for junior doctors to work such long and potentially dangerous shifts is not explained. But no one watching this eye-opening film can possibly believe that it is a good thing. (Ceefax) (279085)

8.50 Vintners" Takes. In the last in the series, Jancis Robinson meets Edinburgh wine merchant Zubair Mohamed. (Ceefax) (s) (175559)



Shadows of the past: Lisa Harrow, Peter McEnery (9.00pm)

9.00 Witchcraft

CHOICE: Nigel Williams's ambitious two-part thriller is a drama of witchcraft and adultery which interleaves parallel stories from the 17th century and the present day. Jamie (Peter McEnery) is making a film school movie about a witchfinder in the Stuart era who had his wife and mistress hanged for satanism. Jamie must begin to wish he had chosen a more anodyne subject for it has uncanny echoes.

In the relationship between a neurotic professor (Alan Howard), his unhappy wife (Lisa Harrow) and a former student (Georgia Slowe).

Eventually, the shadow of Ezekiel hangs over Jamie himself. If Williams's script sometimes smacks of contrivance, it never fails to Involve on the narrative level and makes a plausible case for the power of the supernatural. The concluding part is being shown on Wednesday (s) (6511). Newsnight (848207) 11.15 Prisoners of Conscience (r) (383630)

11.20 Self-Exposure. Five film-makers feature in their own films, beginning with the Swedish director Vilgot Sjoman (231153)
12.05am Behind the Headlines (r) (s) (8728115) 12.35 Weather

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6,00 TV-am (5551191) 9.25 Keynolas, Music game hosted by Alistair Dwall (6744998) 9.55 Thames News (9226085)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical debate (9880056) 10.35 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the weekday magazine programme. Including at 10.55 ITN News, 11.55 Thames News and weather (25033849)

12.10 Rosie and Jim. Early learning senes (r) (6238511)
12.30 TTN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murraghan and Sonia Ruseler.
(Oracle) Westher (1185004) 1.05 Thames News (40273207)

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1.15 Home and Away. (Oracle) (528375)

1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (527646)

2.15 Callsign Oscar Charlie. The Wish You Were Here...? team reports on a summer in the life of "Oscar Charlie", a Boeing 757

charter aircraft (519627)

2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian drama series (s) (9737269) 3.10 TTN News headlines (7607004) 3.15 Thames News (7606375)

3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (3524608)
3.50 Children's ITV: Wowser. Cartoon (r) (6843337) 4.00 The Sooty
Show (r) (s) (2667379) 4.25 Garfield and Friends (r) (6769578)
4.50 Brill. John Eccleston has fun with paper (s) (6203135)
5.10 Famous Faces, Famous Places William G. Stewart presents the

'auz show (3753202) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchel. (Oracle) Weather (289065)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (733) 6.30 Thames News (135)

7.00 Wish You Were Here .. ? Judith Chairners embarks on a Pauline take a golfing holiday on Portugat's Algarve; John Carter visits the Lost City theme park in Africa, and there are items on holidays for singles and European rail travel. (Oracle) (4559)



 7.30 Coronation Street. The new hair salon opens for business.
 Starring Denise Black. (Oracle) (269)
 8.00 Film: Turner and Hooch (1989) Tom Hanks of Big stars in the retwork television premiere of this tikable cornedy. Detective Hanks reluctantly adopts a salivating junkyard dog called Hooch who is the only witness to his master's cold-blooded murder. With Mare Winningham and Crarg T. Nelson. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode (Oracle) (5511)

(Oracle) (5511)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (20207)
10.30 Tharnes News (436761)

10.40 Film: The Big Chilli (1983). Sharp and withy comedy-drama in which a group of former staties' radicals are reunited in the greedy eighties after the suicide of a mutual friend. The ensemble cast is headed by Tom Beranger, Glenn Close and William Hurt. Written and directed by Lawrence Kasdan (68365269)

12.40 Entertainment UK. A weekly guide to the latest in films, music, theatre and dance (a) (4162080)

1.40 Sport AM. Stefan Edberg and Ivan Lendl play tennis in the Fuji international in Disseldorf, and there is news from the European footbell leagues. Presented by Bob Symonds (3231931)

2.40 Film: A Kirid of Anger (1984)! Poor German version of Eric Ambler's spy thriller in which a journalist tracks a woman who

Ambler's spy thriller in which a journalist tracks a women who disappears after the death of her Iraqi lover. Starring Rolf Zecher, Caroline Berg, Bernhard Wicki and Hennelore Elsner. Directed by Uirich Edel (221196)

4.30 Janis Ian. The singer-songwriter performs her hits, including "At Seventeen" (r) (s) (18844)

5.30 ITM Forty Momitor News (41641) Forts at 6.00

5.30 ITN Early Morning News (41641). Ends at 6.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Certoons (16240)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (21375)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby hosts the game show (6732153) 9.25 Film: Follow a Ster (1959, b/w). Sentimental comedy starring

9.25 Film: Follow a Star (1959, b/w). Sentimental cornedy starring Norman Wisdom as a cleaner providing the singing voice for a fading actor. Directed by Robert Asher (24301356)
11.20 Yorkshire Ditty. Animation of On Ilikey Moor (5505424)
11.30 Credo: The Hungarian Reformed Church. The resurgence of Calvinsm in rural Hungary (1443)
12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (10820)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is singer Gloria Estefan (59462)
1.30 Dr Shuggles, Cartoon fun (r) (38714)
2.00 Film: Who's Minding the Store? (1963). Jeny Lewis stars in this hungar cornedy as, the accident-orone boyfriend of Jill St John.

typical comedy as the accident-prone boyfriend of Jill St John, creating havoc in her millionaire tather's department store. Directed by Frank Tashlin (195511)

3.40 The Three Stooges: So Long, Mr Chumps (1941, b/w). The tho attempts to spring a man from jail. (Teletext) (5897820)

4.00 Spirit of Trees. Dick Warner looks to the future (r). (Teleted) (998) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Quick-fire qurz (s) (882) 5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and conversation with Gay Byme in

Dublin (s) (4172)
6.00 My Two Dads: See You in September. Contrived American comedy series about a girl with two fathers. Joey (Greg Evigan) is depressed after an unsuccessful blind date (r). (Teletext) (s) (375) 6.30 The Wonder Years: The Accident. Kevin (Frad Savage) tries to

win back his girlfriend (r) (627)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (923269) 7.50 Comment. A personal opinion (149849)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (1849)
8.30 Desmond's: Go with Flo. Genial comedy set in a Peckham barber's shop Starring Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (7396)



Scarred forever? Eddie copes with life after care (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Aycliffe's Children

● CHOICE In 1977, cameras visited a centre for disturbed adolescents in County Dumam. The youngsters came to Aycliffe as adolescents in County Durham The youngsters came to Aycliffe as runaways, offenders and potential suicides. They were victims of neglect, domestic violence and sexual abuse. Some were so disturbed it was difficult to imagine what kind of future they faced. This film gives some of the answers as it catches up on seven of the former patients, now about 30 years old. The sample may be random but the picture is bleak. One man has spent ten years in prison. A woman who has been in and out of psychiatric hospitals is alone and finenciess. Another life ended tragically. A former teacher at Aycliffe says: "Surely to God one of the stories could have had a happy ending". But the sobering message is that children scarred young are likely to be scarred for ever (2801).

10.00 A Bit of a Do: The Civic Weddling. Can the final "do" pass without incident? Staming David Jason and Nicola Pagett. (Teletext) (2288).

11.00 Cetholius and Sex. The final programme in the series explores guilt and homosexuality (18581).

 11.00 Catholias and Sex. The final programme in the series explores guilt and homosexuality (18581)
 12.00 Film: Streets of Yesterday (1988), Moral drama staring Paul McGann as an Israeli student who becomes embroiled in the politics of the Gaza strip. With Jon Finch and Suzan Sylvester. Directed by Judd Ne'eman (870554). Ends at 1.40em

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Dictator (48554) 12.30em Let The Blood Run
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operator's seduction of a medic ("Come on, let's integrate our circuits"), and

integrate our circuits"), and some examples of estate agent Roy Brooks's notorious advertising ("The decor is revolting"... "there's a thriving community of woodworm") (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One (s)

1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping

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Jeffrey Famol's swashbucking
novel of prates, vengeance,
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talk about her life and work
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lechniques in Cairo, and visits
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Weather
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6.30 Pm Sorry I Haven't a Clue:
Humphrey Lytteton with Willie
Rushton, Paul Merton, Greene
Gerden and Barry Cryer:
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.29 The Food Programme with
Derek Cooper (f)
7.45 The Monday Play: At Sea on
Inya Lake. Thirty years ago
Ben was 18 and left Burma
and Selly, his first love, when
they were forced apart by the
revolution. In Guy State's play
Ben, now a successful
journalist, returns to search for

journalist, returns to search for not just a story but his past

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White (s) 9.39

Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Man with No Eyes, by Fay Weldon 11.00 Hencock's Half Hour by Alan Smpson and Ray Gallon. The

Grapping Game (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
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SKY ONE

6.00em The D.) Kat Show (82975733) 8.40 Capitani Cavernan (300646) 8.55 Playabout (4314288) 9.10 Cancons (715506) 8.30 The Byramid Game (99849) 10.00 Let's Make a time (12153) 10.20 The Bold and the Beautifut (50462) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (62646) 12.00 Falcon Crest (72172) 1.00pm 6 Street (65462) 1.30 Another World (97733) 2.30 Sertal Berbern (9829055) 2.46 Maude (163462) 3.15 The New Lesne 4 to Beaver (160375) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (265530) 5.00 Star Traic The Next Gamma-lion (10004) 6.00 Resoure (2445) 6.30 E Street (3795) 7.00 Air (2733) 7.30 Family Ties (299757) 8.00 Parker Levis Carit Lose (5153) 8.30 Follywood Wiese (Mint-series: 2 of 3) (95627) 10.30 Stude (51191) 11.00 Star Traic The Next Gameration (43511) 12.00 Plages from Shytest

SKY NEWS

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18.00 Goling Under (1990): A nuclear statmanne has an inept crew (64152)
12.00 A Town's Revenge (1999): A woman returns to her home town (67240)
1.00pm American Eyes (1998): A territy adopt a Korsan teanager (83298)
2.00 The Byry who Came in from the Cold (1965): School Berton there has commune.

4.00 Gully, Gally (1989) Beau Bridges is an apprentice on a new gas 1000 (1889) (1880) 8.00 Gold Under gas 10.00am) (1880) 8.00 Mothing But Trouble (1991). A couple get anested and find things can only get

11.25 Catchiffre (1990): Jode Foster wit-resses a Mob murder (352098) 1.19am The Mari's Club (1998): Seven frends discover themselves (391221) 2.55 Burning Bridges (1990): A woman refuses to give up har lover (5908047) 4.25 The Lost Cappens (1990). Drama about the gangster and his D.A. brother (115467) Ends at 6.00am

8.30pm Dr Witto and the Dateics (1965). The Doctor dejends the Theis (37795) 8.00 Alice Dosen't Live Here Anymore (1974). A single mother hats the road (15849) 10.00 The Cholriboys (1978), Drama of the Los Angeles police (72846). Ends at 12.00

EUROSPORT

SKY SPORTS

7.00mm Eurobics (90443) 7.30 NFL (19578) 8.00 NBA Action (22578) 8.30 Saling (21849) 9.00 Showjumping (30356) 10.00 Pro Kick (22202) 17.00 Eurobics (27172)

FM Stereo and MW. 6.00em Simon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jakks Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Alternoon on Blue Sta 10.00 Gary Davies Goes into the Night 12.00 Songlines (FM only) (†) 12.30em Bob Harris (FM only) 4.00 Bruno Brookss with The Early Breaktas; Show (FM only)

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Band Special 9.00 Humpforey Lyteston: The Best of Jazz 10.00 Radio 2 Concert Bandstand

10.30 The Jamesons 12.05mm Jazz Parade: A Week at Monterey 92-12.35 Steve Madden

with Night Ride 4.00 Alex Laster

PADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7,00pm.
5.00em: World Service World News; 6.09
News about Britain; 6.16 Europe Now 6.30
Denny Balser's Morning Edition 9.30 Chain Reaction 10.00 Johnnie Walker with The AM
Alternative 12.30pm The Humburn History of the Heinret 1.00 News Update 1.10 1.2, 3, 4, 5
1.25 SPBS Worldwide 2.30 A Game of Two Halves 4.30 Tive Aside 6.30 The Naticacker and
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7.30 Europe at the Time 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Fash 6.15 Height Matters 8.30 Anything
Goes 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 On Screen 9.30 Andy Krestnew's World of Music
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL.

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10.00em The Spral Zone (63801) 10.30 Cover Story (95153) 11.00 Gloss (12240) 11.30 Joen Rivers (2853917) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (8130830) 1.10 Lunchbox (64696153) 1.40 Salla-Vision (45424511) 2.10 I Can Jump Puddles (3575530) 3.00 The New Newlyword Game (3004) 3.30 The Mothers-In-Jaw (6443) 4.00 Dut. Van Dyke (5578) 4.30 Gameshows (4462) 5.00 Concentration (5649) 5.30 Sels-Vision (5714) 5.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (37993) 7.00 Sels-Vision (916040) 10.00 Music Visions (6799172) 2.30-3.00em Top Five (93216) 12.45pm Ob Rosalindel (1955): A playboy in war-time Vierna plays a joke (2025/801) 2.35 Dat and the Smuggler. Adventures of the Australian herone (304817) 3.40 Bere Rabbit Christmas Carol: Animated (sie (3710068) mand tale (3710068) 5.00 Maydane in Maydair (1945); A lacine man fals for Arran Naagle (55917) 6.55 Teen Which (1989); A get discovers black magic (56900443) 8.30 Knosyam Makezan 8.30 Xposure (445627) 9.00 L.A. Story (1991): Steve Martin sets out

to find the period woman (651558) 11.00 The Amilyville Curse (1989). An old house turns out to be haunted (983191) R COLD

6.80mm Rainbow (10745269) 6.15 Chorlton & the Wheeles (10733424) 6.30 Visionaries

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## RADIO 3

7.00 On Air Piers Burton-Page with music, news and weather including Haydh (Cassation in B flatt: Prokofiev (Sonala No 1, Op 1), Smelana (Overture: The

Bartered Bride)
9.00 Composer of the Week:
Vivaldi The Most Serene
Venctian Republic Martin Jarvis reads extracts from the journal of Edward Wright's visit to Venice in the 1720s. The English Concert under Trevol Prinock perform concertos from L'Estro armonico. Op 3 No 3 in C. No 8 in A minor, N 9 in D, No 10 in B minor, No 11 in D minor, No 12 in D (r) 10.00 A French Selection Soint-Seens (Prejude, Christmas

Oratono, Dresden Philharmonic under Martin Flaming with Michael-Christined Winkler, organi Dukas (Villanelle, Dennis Brain, hom, Wilfred Parry, piano): Jean Langlais (La Nativite, Op 2 No 2: The composer, organ) Daniel Lesur (Le Cantique de Cantiques, BBC Singers under John Poole), Marcel Dupré (Variations sur un Noel The Composer, organ): Charpentier (Noels sur les Instruments: English concert-under Pinnock): Ibort (Trois Pieces Breves: Dennis Brain and Ensemble). Poulenc (Quatre Molets pour le lemps de Noel BBC Singers under John Poole): Poulenc (Elegie. n memory of Dennis Brain. Alan Civil, horn, Jacques Fevner, piano), Honegger (Une Cantale de Noel:Suisse Romande Orchestra under

Emest Ansermet) 12.00 Vintage Years. Robert Philip introduces recording by Serge Rachmaninov including works by Chopin, Schumann and achmaninov and part of a violin sonala by Schubert in which Rachmaninov accompanies Fritz Kreisler

1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St. John's Smith Square. Jouquin Achucano, piano. plays Beethoven (Vanations in F. (1p 34, Sonata in E. Op 109), Brahms (Four Pieces, Op

2.05 Third Opinion (r) 2.50 BBC Symphony Orchestra, HTV WEST

As Leidon street: 1.45pm Love at First Sight (527646) 2.15-2.45 Gerdening Time (519827) 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (5624608) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3753202) 6.00-7.00 HTV News (49620) 10.40-12.40em Film The Bettle of El Alameia (68365269)

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Ser 8.30-7.00 Printtime

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Kojak (\$224912) 2.15 Hollywood Report
(\$6831) 2.45 America's Top Tert (\$9486) 4.10
The Hit Man and Her (\$509592) 5.05-5.30
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## RADIO 4

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5.55em Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Ferrung Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day with Fr
John McCullagh 6.30 Today
incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 6.00,
8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 Ceatro's Last Christmas:
President-elect Clinton,
otherwise a great appeaser,
talks of "tightering the noose around Castro in Cuba. Andy
Kershaw tooks at the BBC
Archive 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
with Melvyn Bragg and guests

11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580

12.00 You and Yours on the sinister voy and vours of the state
ways in which nightclubs
encourage ravers to spend
money on soft drinks

12.25 Word of Mouth

CHOICE: Should The Times recommend a programme in

which the man currently revising Fowler's Modern English Usage says that some

masteriui? Oi course it should.

sports writers on this paper don't know the difference between masterly and

escapes good-natured censure in the last of Frank

Delaney's lexical series. There's a topical vox pop on summitry ("Why not say molehili?", someone

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with Melvyn Bragg and guesta astronomer Heather Couper. former Python, Terry Jones, one-time Punch writer Michael Bywater and author of a book on George Orwell, W.J. West

Saloren with Soile Isokoski, sopreno, Jorma Valijakka, oboe, performs Saloren (Mirric If for oboe and orchestra); Aulis Salfinen (Four Dream Songs); Sibellus (Lemminkainen Suite). In the interval at 8.00 David Elliott, director of the Museum of Modern Art Oxford, discusses 10.00 News; Guestions of Tasta (FM only) (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only) (29 of 41) 10.30 Woman's Hour; talks to Joenna Riding who is starting in Carousel; discusses DNA profiling with Liberty; and offers an alternative Christmas dish created by Gary Phodes. Incl 11.00 News

of the Renaissance painter Piero della Francesca 9.20 The Spirit of the Dance: Skip Sempe, harpsichord, performs dances and pieces by the lather of French clavecinistes. Chambonnières and his

Louis Couperin

9.55 Debut: Clive Greensmith,
cello, Carole Presland, plano,
perform Brahms (Sonata in F,
Op 99): Goehr (Sonata, 1984)

10.45 Mixing it: Robert Sandall and
Mark Russell present music
mixing different styles and
influences and talk to Philip
Systems about music in Cubit

chants of Lebanese Christian cnants of Lebanese Christian communities and David Melling looks at the medieval secular music of Byzantium 12.30-12.35am News

under David Atherton with Moray Wetsh, cello, performs Britten (American Overture); Bridge (Oration) 3.35 Berg and Brahms: Janet Hilton, clarinet, Ronan O'Hora, pano, perform Berg (Four Pieces, Op 5); Brahms (Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2)

4.10 Bundehude and Bach: Januss Dalton on the organ of Queen's College, Oxford, plays Bundehude (Te Deum laudamus, Bux WV 218); Bach

laufamus, Bux WV 218); Bach Sei gegrüssel, Jeau gütig, BWV 768) 5.00 In Tune: Rochey Slatford and his guest, harpist Marisa Robies with music and news 7.20 EBU Concert from Helsinki, live from Finlandia Hall. The Finnish Radio Symphory Orchestra under Esa-Pekka Salonen with Solle Isokoski, expresso, Jorma Valitalkka.

Modern Art. Oxford, discusses Munch's Frieze of Life with Alf Boe, director of the Munch Museum in Oslo, ontic William Varley and artist Paul Eachus 9.15 The Gospel According to Plero: The Nativity. Professor John White celebrates the art

successors, D'Anglebert and Louis Couperin

Sweaney about music in Cuba 11.30 An Ancient Song: Sister Marie Keyrouz performs the

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Twerzy-four hour news service SKY MOVIES+

(1966): Richard Burton plays the super-spy (55086)

Worse (42912578) 9.40 UK Top Tun (621848) 10.00 Faini Sky (1990): A peir of reporters uncover paranormal accrets (342558) 11.25 Catchfire (1990): Jodie Fosier wil-

SKY MOVIES GOLD

8.00mm Step Aerobics (19004) 8.30 Equestrian World Cup (86578) 10.30 Step Aerobics (96511) 11.00 Motorsport (82424) 12.00 Eurospores (33172) 1.00pm Golf (42820) 2.00 Aristic Gymnastics (66646) 4.00 Football — Garmes of Belicins (9912805) 5.00 Tennis (40876) 7.00 Eurohun (7443) 7.30 News (4849) 8.00 Football — Champions League (40511) 9.00 Europaals (60375) 10.00 Boung (38998) 11.30 News (61443) CC DECEMEDIOT SCREENSPORT

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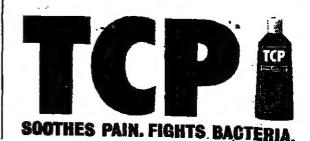
CLASSIC FM

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Musical Kind-Jun Tolanchy remainders conductor and composes Yougavity Svetlandy 8.00
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# 'Crunch year' for reform of accounting

FINANCIAL EDITOR

PRIVATE sector institutions for improving companies' financial reporting may have to be strengthened or abandoned unless their reforms are accepted and hold sway, Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the Financial Reporting Council, says.

This warning, from the man who suggested and created the FRC's regime for string and deferring security.

setting and enforcing account-ing standards, will put heavy sure on companies, auditors and City interests not to rock the boat of reform. Sir Ron is anxious to win support for the accounting standard on profits, due to come into force next year, and for controversial changes to be put forward in the spring by the Accounting Standards Board.

Introducing the council's second annual review, Sir Ron issued a warning that the council and the ASB faced a critical period in which their

DAVID Rowland, chairman-elect at the Corporation of Lloyd's, has enticed three lead-

ing businessmen on to the newly formed market board, which is intended to be the

driving force for developing

the market's insurance

The appointments of Paul Myners, chairman and chief executive at Gartmore Invest-

ment Management, David Newbigging, chairman at Rentold, NM UK and Ivory

& Sime, and Nicholas

Pawson, chairman at FMI,

the computer company, as

external members of the 18-

strong market board is aimed

at boosting outside confidence

Mr Rowland said: "Nobody

They all have a reputation

would imagine that these men

would join the board and sit

there and pussyfoot around."

for being tough, and accord-

ing to Mr Rowland, one came

in the corporation.

'Tough' trio lured to

Lloyd's market board

By SARAH BAGNALL

■ The next 12 months will make or break the bodies set up to reform British accounting standards. If self-regulation fails statutory controls may be inevitable

to undermine the spirit of the reforms. "We know that the going is likely to get tougher; 1993 may indeed be a crunch year for financial reporting, as the pressures on business mount and as the ASB begins to tackle many of the most difficult issues in financial

He asks companies to refer novel accounting techniques to the board's urgent issues task force for a ruling in

advance, rather than adopt creative accounting in the hope that it will slip through. The report argues that continued self-regulation of reporting standards under the regime set up by the FRC "depends on the willingness of the boardroom, and the comprofession, to self-discipline and to support for the pro-

to his attention because he

subjected three underwriters,

who had made him losses, to

an intense grilling, which none of them wanted to go

board as chief executive.

the Lloyd's task force report.

ing Standards Board".

The alternatives spelt out by the council are to strengthen the powers of its accounts re-view panel to enforce standards through the courts, to create a version of America's Securities and Exchange Commission, or to make accounting standards accounting

The council concludes in its report that it will urge the government to provide a stronger framework "if it proves unable to bear the strains put upon it by companies determined to contest new accounting standards or by auditors who are not prepared to uphold standards in the face

uphold standards in the face of company pressure".

Edwin Glasgow, the QC who chairs the review panel, says companies called before the panel have accepted its views. Should they not, he suggests, it might be hard to force them to do so through the courts.

He writes: "I entertain serious doubts as to the appropri-ateness of litigation as a method of resolving some of the grey areas which inevitably arise between the ASB's careful and sophisticated accounting standards, on the one hand, and the statute's disarmingly simple requirements of a truth and fairness on the

through again.

The market board has seven working members of the council, including Robert Hiscox and Stephen Merrett, deputy chairman of the council, and four market association nominees. The remaining three The panel has had the accounts of 78 companies drawn to its attention since it started in mid-1991, split almost equally between public complaints, doubts raised by nees. The remaining three members are Lloyd's executives, including Peter Middleton, who heads the market auditors and press comment. David Tweedie, chairman of the ASB, says the board plans to issue proposals for a three-part reform of acquisition The decision to set up the accounting during 1993. These are likely to rule out market board, which will begin work at the start of next most of the write-offs common year, and a regulatory board. the members of which are still after takeovers, end most of to be announced, followed the choice to treat takeovers as mergers and change the treatrecommendations outlined in

ment and valuation of good-

The report, published in January, called for business devwill and other intangibles. Standards due in 1993 will elopment to be separated from restrict off-balance-sheet finance and fancy types of capital and probably force regular revaluations of some isets. All of these could have a big impact on powerful businesses, including banks and property groups, and are likely

> Sir Ron is also anxious about the quality of audits, which is not within the council's ambit, and the need to bridge gaps between how auditors interpret their job and what the public expects of



## Christmas 18 presents beat the recession

BY OUR CITY STAFF

EVEN in the depths of recession parents are prepared to spend substantial sums of

spend substantial sums of money on their children at Christmas, according to a survey conducted by Neilsen, the market research group.

Of more than 600 adults who had children under 16 living at home about 25 per cent said they were prepared to pay between £50 and £100 on the main Christmas present for each child. More than 15 per cent said they than 15 per cent said they

would spend more than £100.

About 39 per cent were likely to buy traditional games against 35 per cent who would opt for high technology equivalent. lents. About 60 per cent are influenced by their children in

Peter Skinner, marketing director of Hamleys, the toy shop group, said Christmas trading had "been very encouraging so far this year". He expects trading to be "significantly bener than last year", although he says it is a continuing trend that Christmas trading starts later and later such wear

later each year.

The top selling toy at Hamleys so far this year has been the Sega Video Games System that sells at £129.99 followed by Nintendo Video Games Systems at £129.99. Games Systems at £129.99.
Pull evidence of pre-christ-

mas trading will come in the CBI Distributive Trades Survey due out tomorrow.

Selfridges, the London department store, opened its doors on a Sunday for the first time in its 83-year history yesterday and was pleased" with the results.

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# Lonrho denies report over moving its headquarters

By COLIN CAMPBELL

LONRHO may establish "satellite" headquarters in Africa; the Far East and, possibly, Germany in recognition of its international hetwork of operations but London will remain the group's main head office, Paul Spicer, a Lourho deputy chairman, said yesterday.

In a statement denying reports in The Observer, which is owned by Lonrho, that Tiny Rowland, the group's chief executive, was prepared to transfer Lourho's operational HQ to Germany if he thought the change of business climate could benefit the company. Mr Spicer insisted that the corporate base would remain

Mr Rowland agreed last week to sell half his personal 92.1 million share stake in Lourho at 115p a share to Dieter Bock, the German financier. He also granted Herr Bock an option over the bulk of his remaining shareholding. The City viewed the deal as acknowledgement of Herr Bock as Lonrho's

the association with Herr Bock board, business commitments was a milestone in its history, and indicated that it would lead to new opportunities. It announced a three-for-ten rights issue at 85p a share, which Herr Bock is to underwrite partially.

Depending on the level of take up, he will own between 9 and 19 per cent of Lonrho's enlarged capital. His eventual stake could rise to 25 per cent, once the option over Mr Rowland's remaining share holding is exercised.

Lonrho shares closed last

week at 72p, suggesting that most ordinary investors will shun the rights issues. Under the underwriting agreement with Herr Bock, Lonrho is assured of a minimum net EBO million. Lonrho is also selling its VAG motor interests to Volkswagen for an overall £124 million.

Herr Bock's interests are essentially associated with property, construction and hotels in Europe. South Africa and America. He is expected

permitting, once the rights issue is completed next month. Herr Bock "has marvellous business connections in Europe, and we have big plans", Mr Rowland said last

Lonrho said that it was a "business secret" which assets it planned to sell before end-September to raise between £300 million and £400 million, though the possible sale of 4,300 apartments in Germany had been made public. None of the other assets to be sold would be "core". Mr Rowland said that The Observer was a "precious

He said Loarho's debt would be reduced this year, and added that he would be staying with Lourho (shareholders permitting) for at least another four years.

Lonrho added yesterday that it remained "very happy having only one broker to the company — Société Generalé

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By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is the conclusion of the game Hodgson — Plasken, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87. In this position, Grandmaster Jim Plaskett immediately spotted a winning chance. Can you see what he played? British Grandmasters Nunn and Speelman will be among the eight players in the top section at this year's Hastings tournament. Further details

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# Scene set for a conclusion to Gatt

Arthur Dunkel tells Colin Narbrough of his hopes on

the Uruguay Round

tance could still cause the world trade talks to founder have been firmly dismissed by Arthur Dunkel, director-Agreement on Tarrifs and Trade (Gatt). Mr Dunkel, who is still

aiming for a "political understanding" on an agreement by the end of this year, prior to tidying up outstanding details early next year, said in an interview with The Times that the six-year-old Uruguay Round negotiations on liberalised trade have entered a "more intensive" phase. Negotiators in Geneva were, furthermore, trying to accelerate the process, he caid

All the key delegations to the Gatt talks have been at full strength since the Round resumed on November 26, after Washington and Brussels achieved a breakthrough to end their two-year-old

dispute over subsidies on agricultural produce. Yet the resumption of talks has been accompanied by resistance from France to the transatlantic deal and by calls from Congressional Democrats and American industry lob-bies for President-elect Bill Clinton to delay the whole Uruguay Round Mr Dunkel is convinced

that French objections to the farm accord will prove to be no more than the usual "changeable weather" that has been a feature of the Gatt talks since they began. Mr Dunkel likes to depict the Uruguay Round as an

ascent on a Himalayan peak. Having reached the final camp, within striking distance of the summit. the climbers are having to cope with a lack of oxygen ready for the final assault. Meteorological shifts are at this stage only of passing impor-

Importantly, Mr Dunkel sees scope in liberalised services and rules protecting intellectual property for France to achieve the "balanced package" of deals it wants for concessions on farm trade. He has constantly underlined that it was a mistake to focus on the farm



Dunkel: final push

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aspect of the talks. On the man, who was last week

latest American problems to surface, including Washington's reported rejection of the proposed world trade body — the Multilateral Trade Organisation — to be set up in conjunction with the Uruguay Round, Mr Dunkel appears uncon-

Despite American calls for delays and substantial changes to the draft final agreement he presented a year ago, Mr Dunkei said he had been reassured of firm support for the Gatt Round by key politicians, including Lloyd Bentsen, the Senate finance committee chair-

named as the future treasury secretary. As to the European Commission's position, Mr Dunkel said he had not seen any reduction of Brussels' commitment. He said: "We are not in a period of show, but in a

period of effective negotiation." The final push for an accord would be "rough", he conceded, but the "scene is set to conclude". Mr Dunkel accepts that the political understanding might not be achieved this year. He sees the "real deadline" as March 1, when the Congressional fast track negotiating authorisation expires. Senator Bentsen is understood to have told European leaders that Congress is unlikely to extend the mandate.

S ince the informal talks restarted, Mr Dunkel said negotiators had achieved the first movement in areas such as market access and freer trade in

Mr Dunkel said "real world people" - businessmen and farmers - were telling him they needed to know the parameters of world trade. That was the signal that the world economy needed from the Uru-

Comment, page 34 | "crown prince". Lonrho said to be invited to join Loncho's Strauss Turnbull

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